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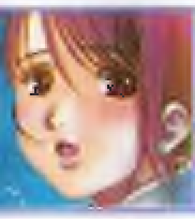

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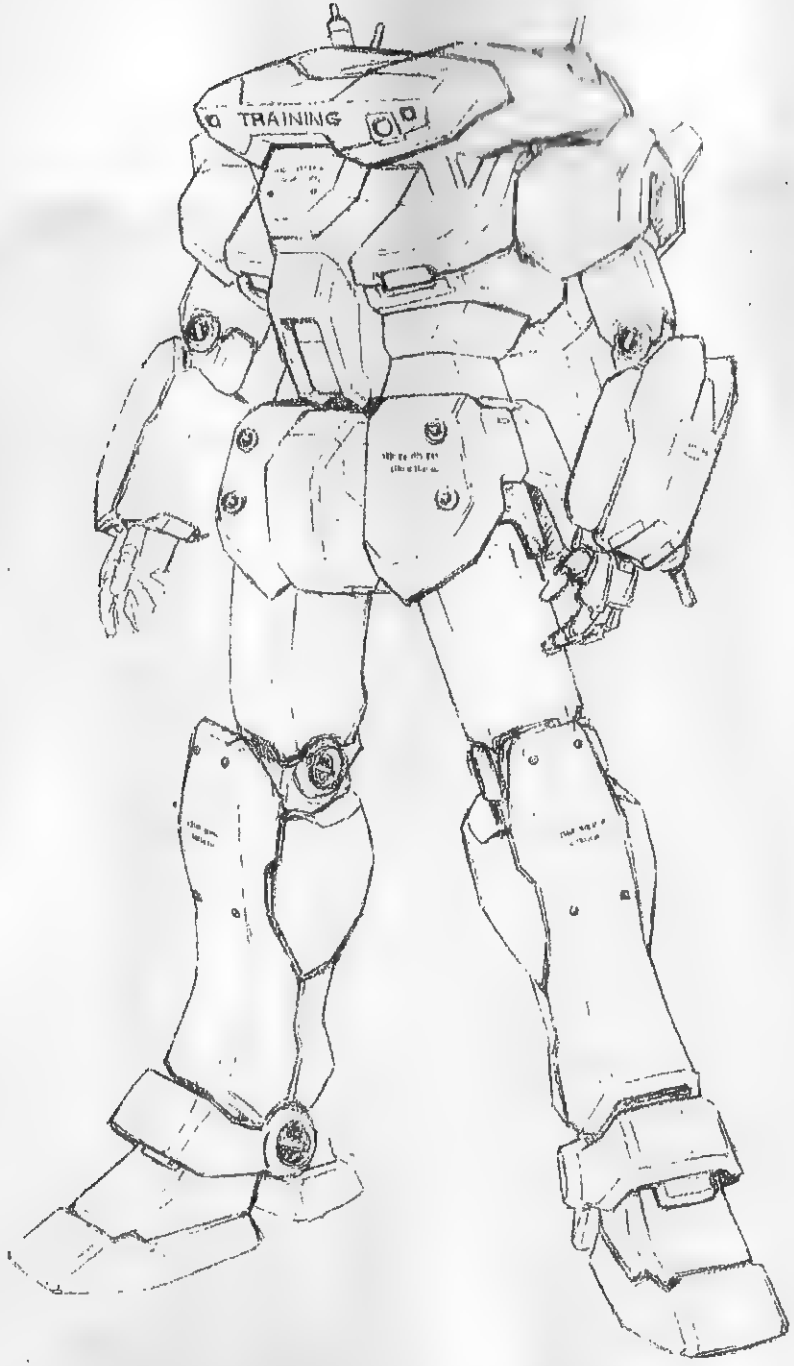

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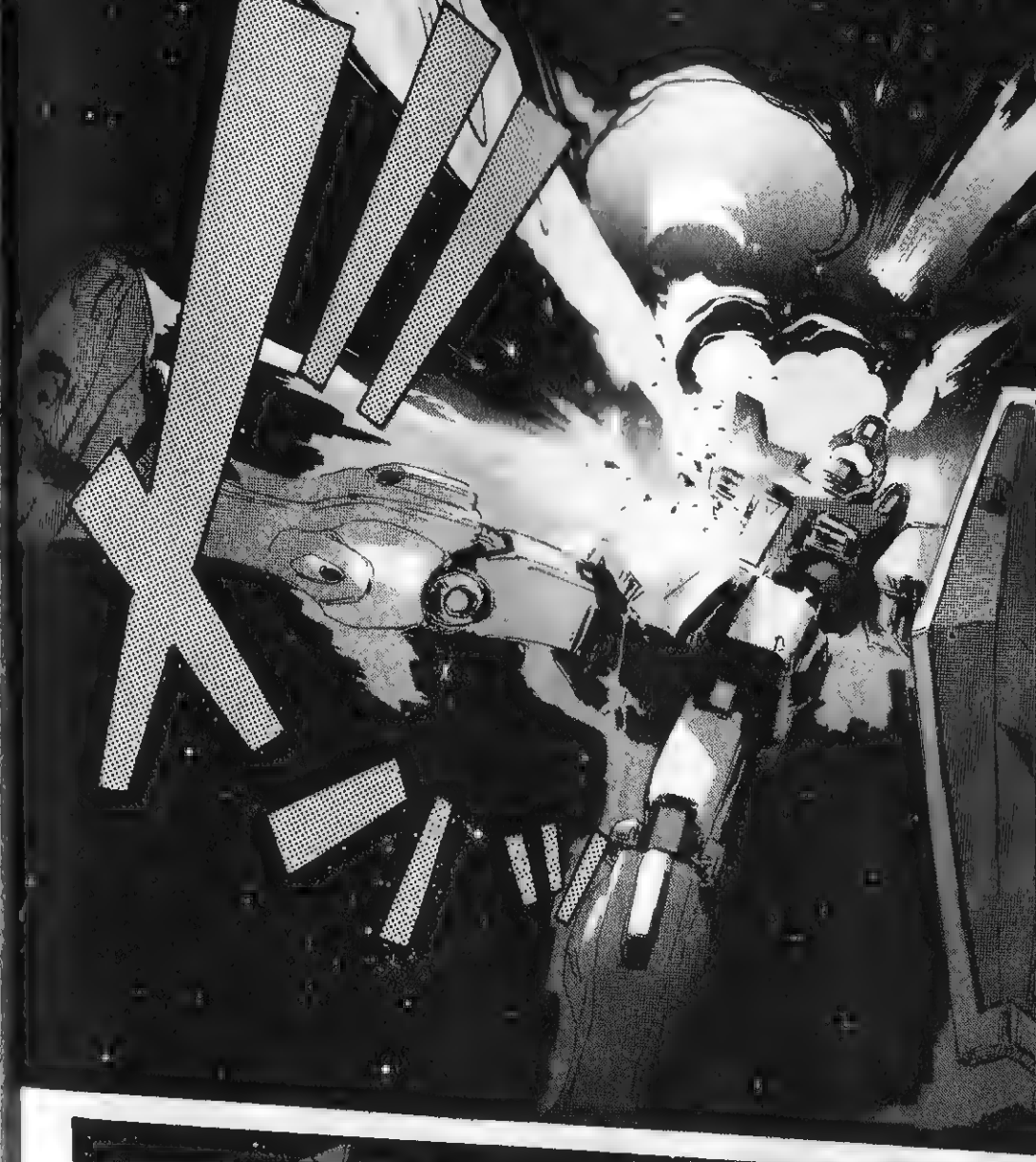
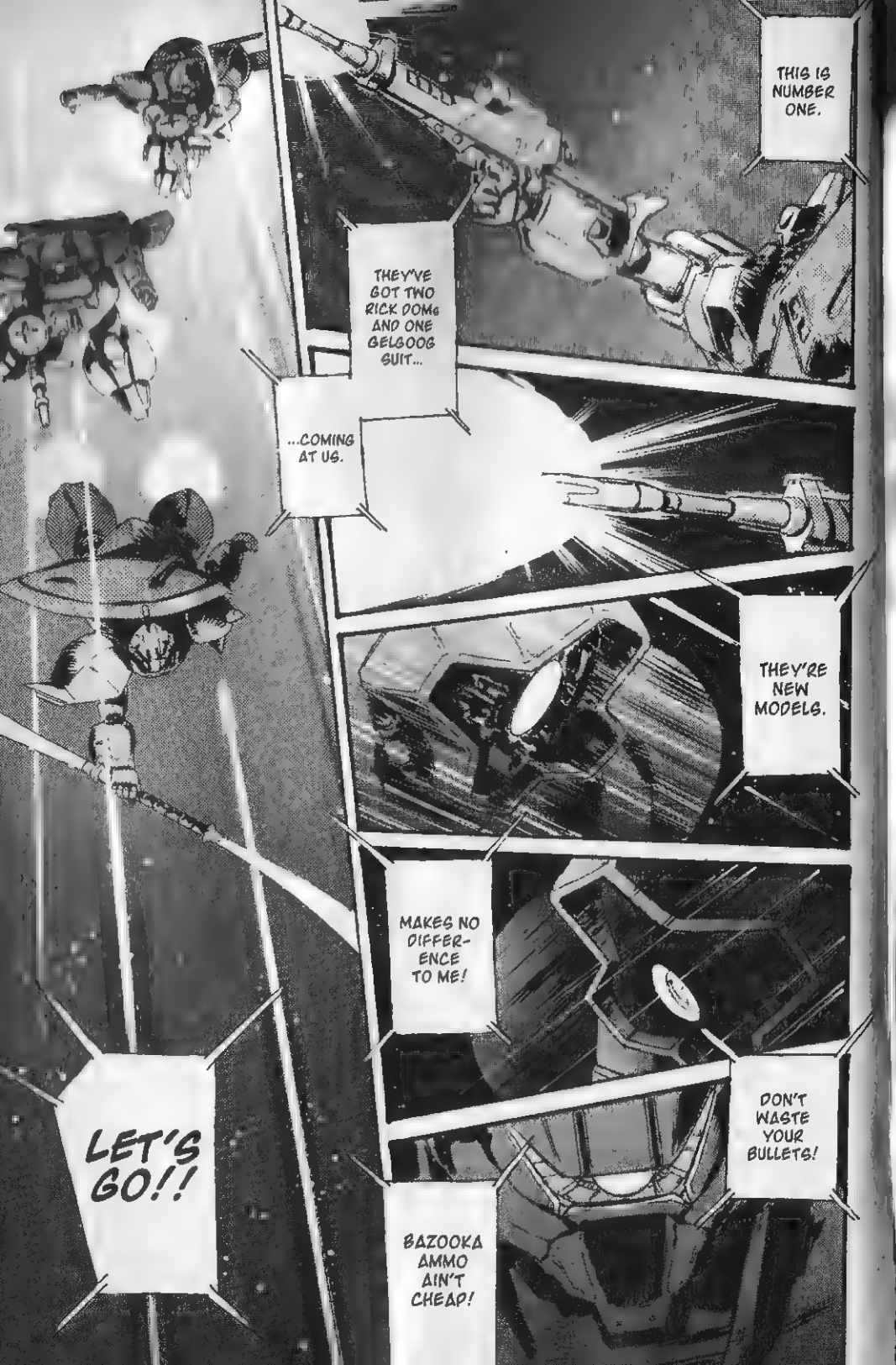
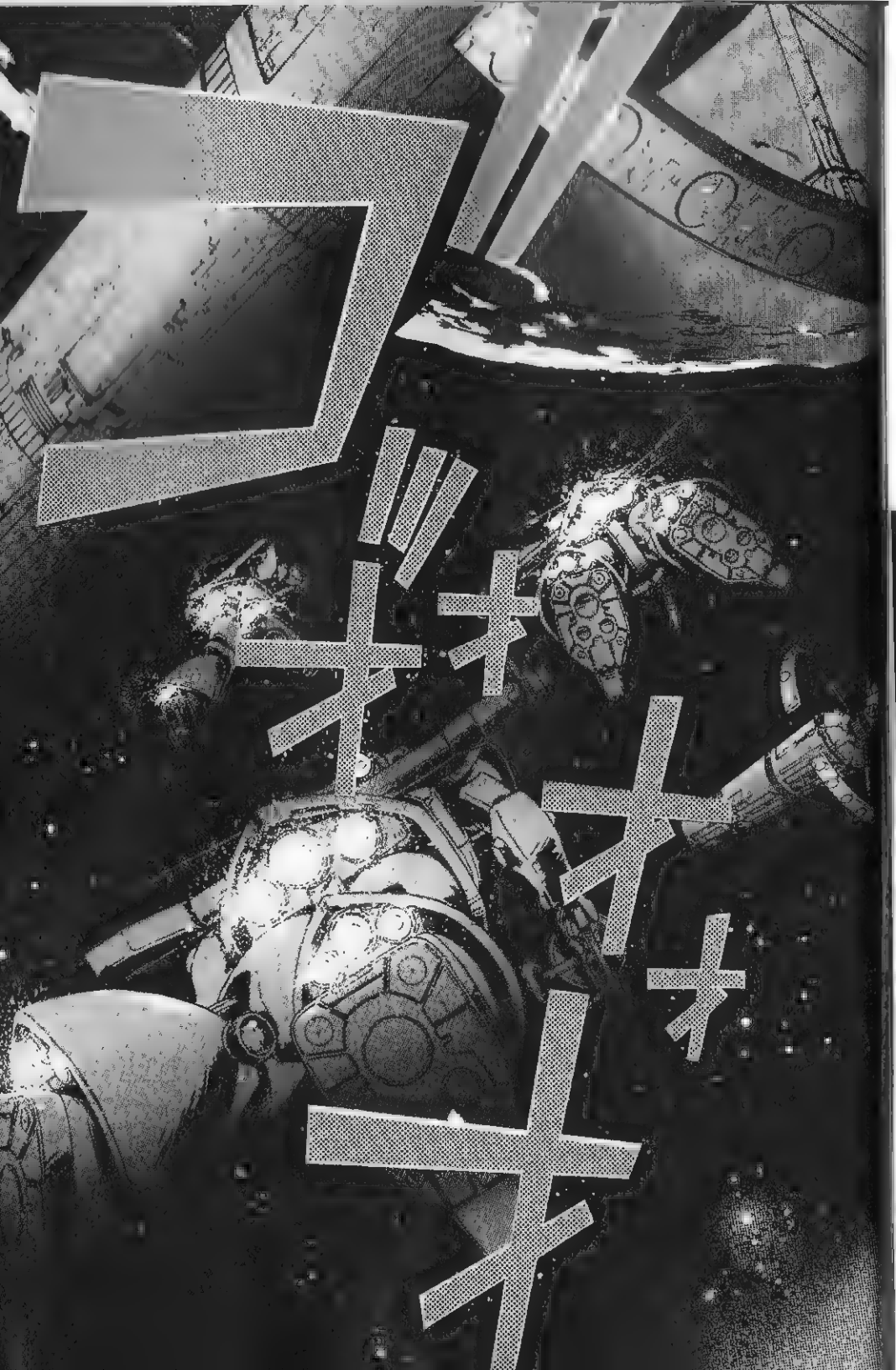



THIS IS NUMBER ONE.
THEY'VE GOT TWO RICK DOMs AND ONE GELGOOG SUIT...
...COMING AT US.
THEY'RE NEW MODELS.
MAKES NO DIFFER-ENCE TO ME!
DON'T WASTE YOUR BULLETS!
BAZOOKA AMMO AIN'T CHEAP!
LET'S GO!!

SHOOTING US IN THE BACK WHILE DIVERTING OUR ATTENTION WITH THAT NAGINATA?!
THAT'S CHEAP!
?!

CRAP!
DON'T WASTE YOUR FIRE ON THOSE WORTHLESS TWERPS
Y'ALL EX-SOLDIERS HAVE NO CONCEPT OF MONEY.
THINK OF ME. I GOTTA WORRY ABOUT THAT STUFF!
WHAT-EVER!
MARIE!!
WE'RE 'BOUT TO LET ONE GET AWAY!

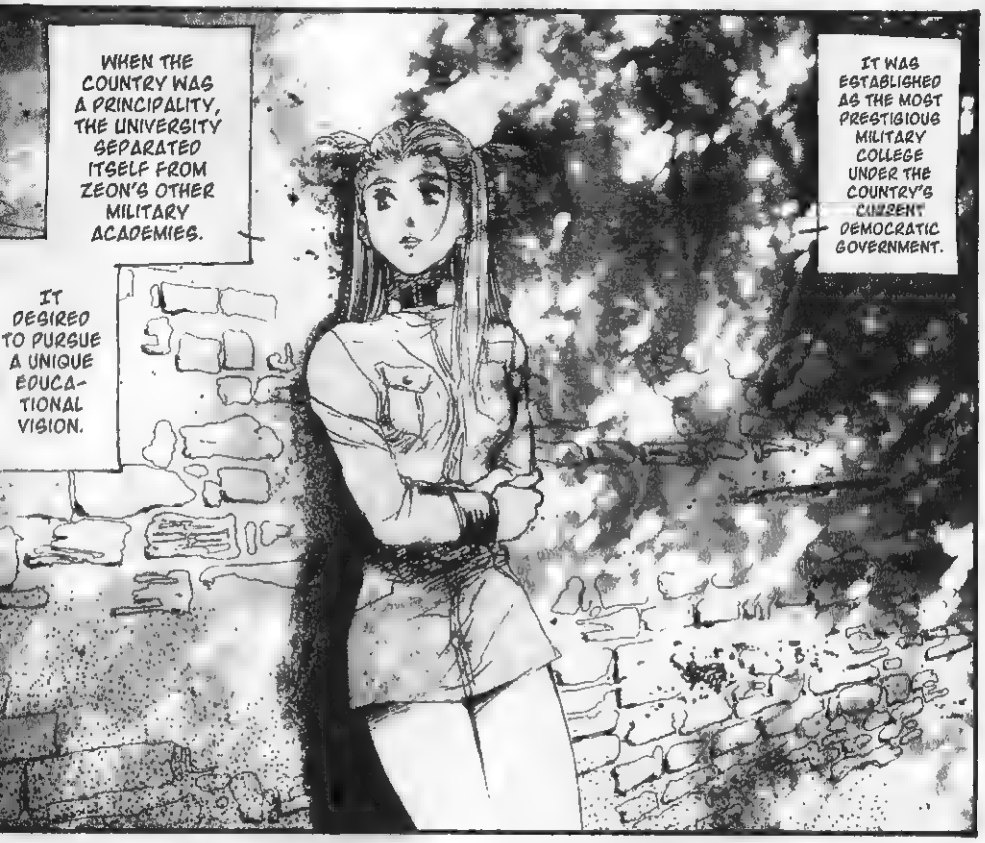


HOW CONVEN-IENT.
CLUSTER 26 IS UP AHEAD.
THAT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO TAKE A PEEK...
WE'LL REEL 'EM IN TO THE COLONY!
BOTH OF YOU! FOLLOW ME!

I THOUGHT YOUR MOM WAS SICK!
ああっ
YOU DON'T KNOW?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE ON YOUR BREAK?

THE ZEON NATIONAL DEFENSE ACADEMY...
AFTER THE WAR, ALL THE DEPARTMENTS WERE REFORMED. EXCEPT FOR ONE.
IT'S A MORE PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT NOW.

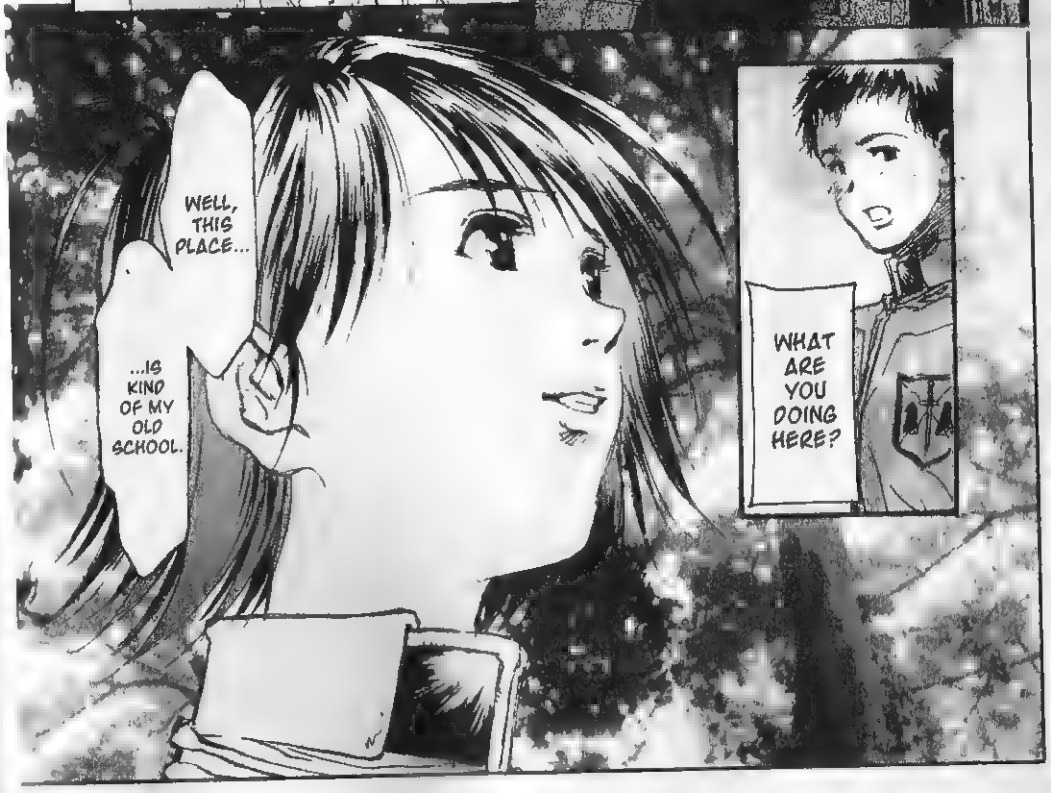
THE ZEON NATIONAL DEFENSE ACADEMY
ITS MISSION WAS TO TRAIN MILITARY OFFICERS
I SPENT A LOT OF TIME HERE.
YOUR DAD
AND MOM


WHEN THE COUNTRY WAS A PRINCIPALITY, THE UNIVERSITY SEPARATED ITSELF FROM ZEON'S OTHER MILITARY ACADEMIES.
IT DESIRED TO PURSUE A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL VISION.
IT WAS ESTABLISHED AS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY COLLEGE UNDER THE COUNTRY'S CURRENT DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

I WAS EXPECTING IT TO LOOK LIKE A CASTLE OR A FORTRESS.
THE BUILDING'S KINDA PLAIN, THOUGH.

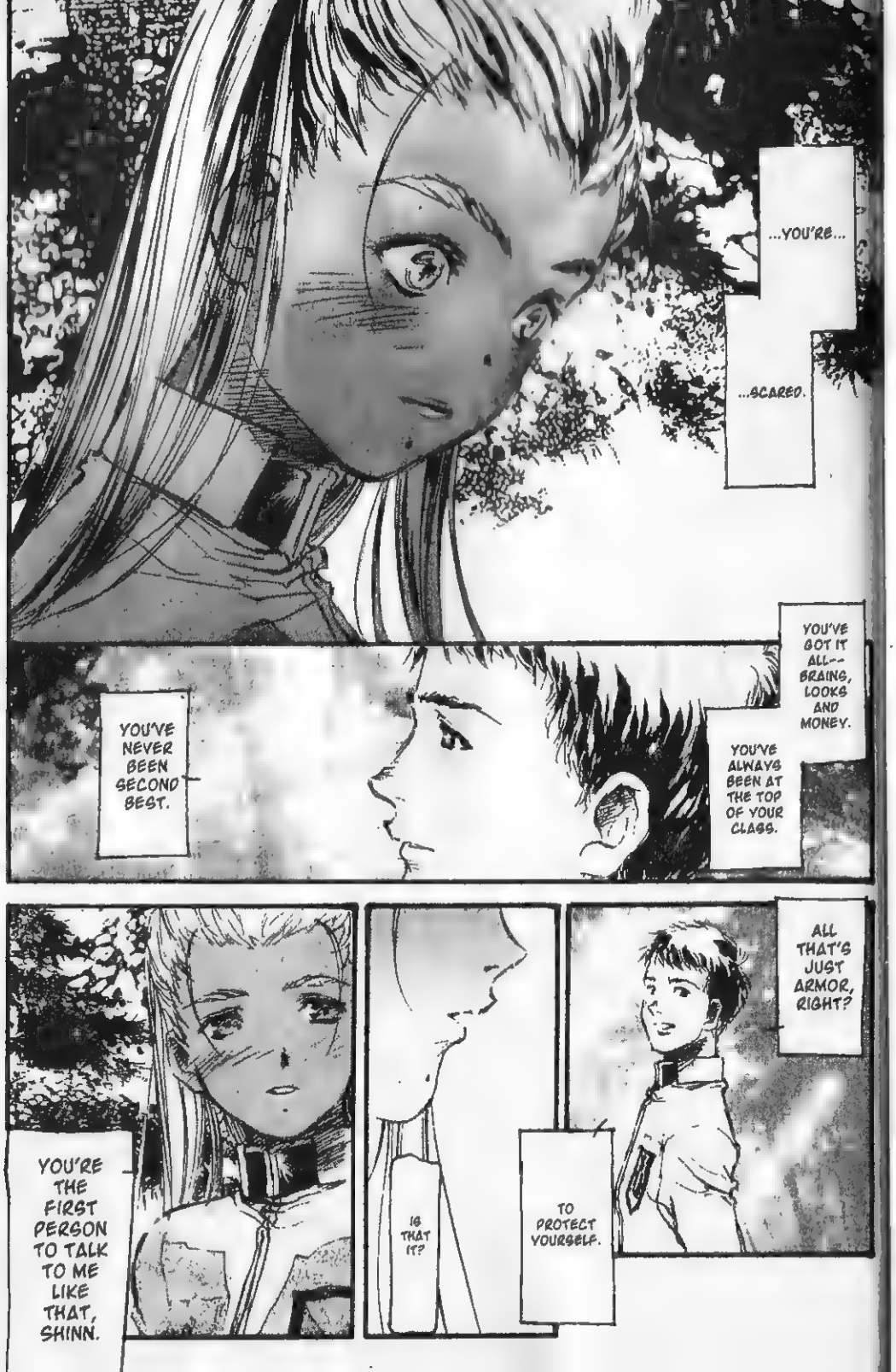
I AGREE.
I WOULDN'T WANNA ATTEND SCHOOL HERE.

THE SOLE REMAINING PRE-WAR BUILDING OF ZEON'S DEFENSE ACADEMY IS A FAMOUS TOURIST SPOT!
IT'S SO COOL!

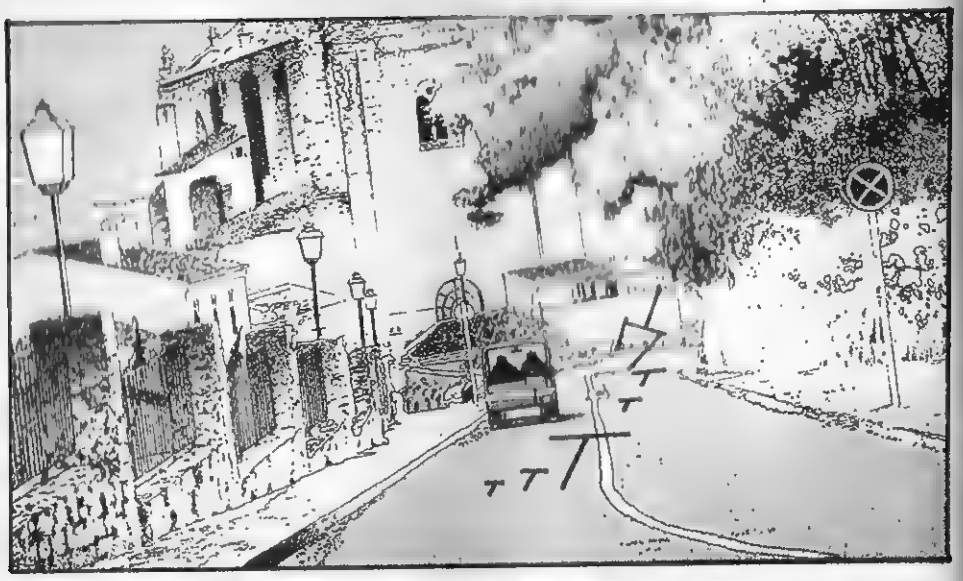

WELL, THIS PLACE...
...IS KIND OF MY OLD SCHOOL.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HA HA!
WE'RE NOT THERE YET!
WAIT!
THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA! ARE YOU SURE?
THIS WAY!
THIS USED TO BE A SHORTCUT.

.....
WOW ...
JUST LIKE THE BOOK!
THIS WAY!
YOU WEREN'T HERE JUST VISITING YOUR FATHER, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
SINCE WHEN...
...DID YOU GET INTERESTED IN AGUNA?
.....
O-o-o-o-h!
HARSH WORDS FROM THE VALEDICTORIAN!
WELL AFTER ALL, WE'RE THE ONES THAT ARE INCONVENIENCED WHEN SHE SCREWS UP!!
... THAT ONE.
SHE'S HARD TO IGNORE ...
Right?

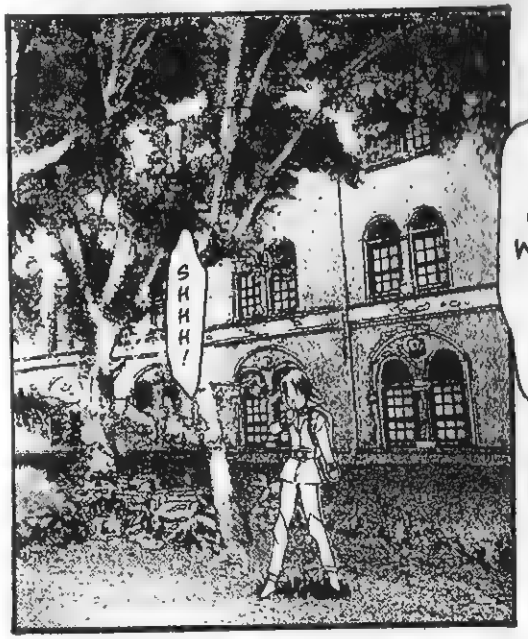

...YOU'RE...
...SCARED.
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL-- BRAINS, LOOKS AND MONEY.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN AT THE TOP OF YOUR CLASS.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SECOND BEST.
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO TALK TO ME LIKE THAT, SHINN.
IS THAT IT?
TO PROTECT YOURSELF.
ALL THAT'S JUST ARMOR, RIGHT?

I'M GOING IN!
I CAN SEE YOUR UNDER-WEAR!
AH!
THAT'S BE-CAUSE ...
...I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO...
...LOSE MYSELF.
THEY'RE A FUNNY PAIR.
WHEN I'M WITH AGUNA ...



I WANTED OUR CONVER-SATION TO BE PRIVATE.
THE ROOM IS BUGGED.
EVERY WORD IS RECORDED.
WHY NOW?
WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO ON A DRIVE?

IT'S KINDA CREEPY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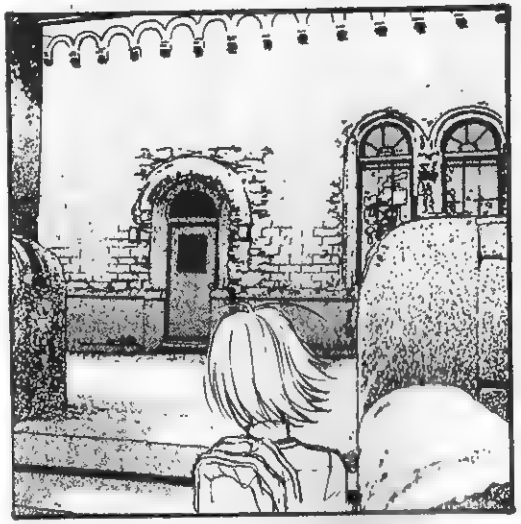


WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU!
C'MON!

LADIES FIRST.
NO THANK YOU.

I FIGURED.

ASUNA?
ASUNA.
CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE TRAINING?
WHO IS IT?
ASUNA!
!!
WHO'S THERE?
ASUNA?!

THIS IS THE END RESULT OF HIS EXPERIMENT...
HOW PATHETIC.
HE LIVED FOR HIS WORK, AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS FAMILY.
THIS WAS MY FATHER'S LAB
I HATED IT!
EVERY DAY, I WAS FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SIMULATION.
.....!!
WE HAD TO LOCK ONTO THEM. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE!
YUP.
THESE THINGS WOULD MOVE, APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR ON SCREEN.
A SIMULATION GAME?

CHARACTER FILE:06

Forma Guardner

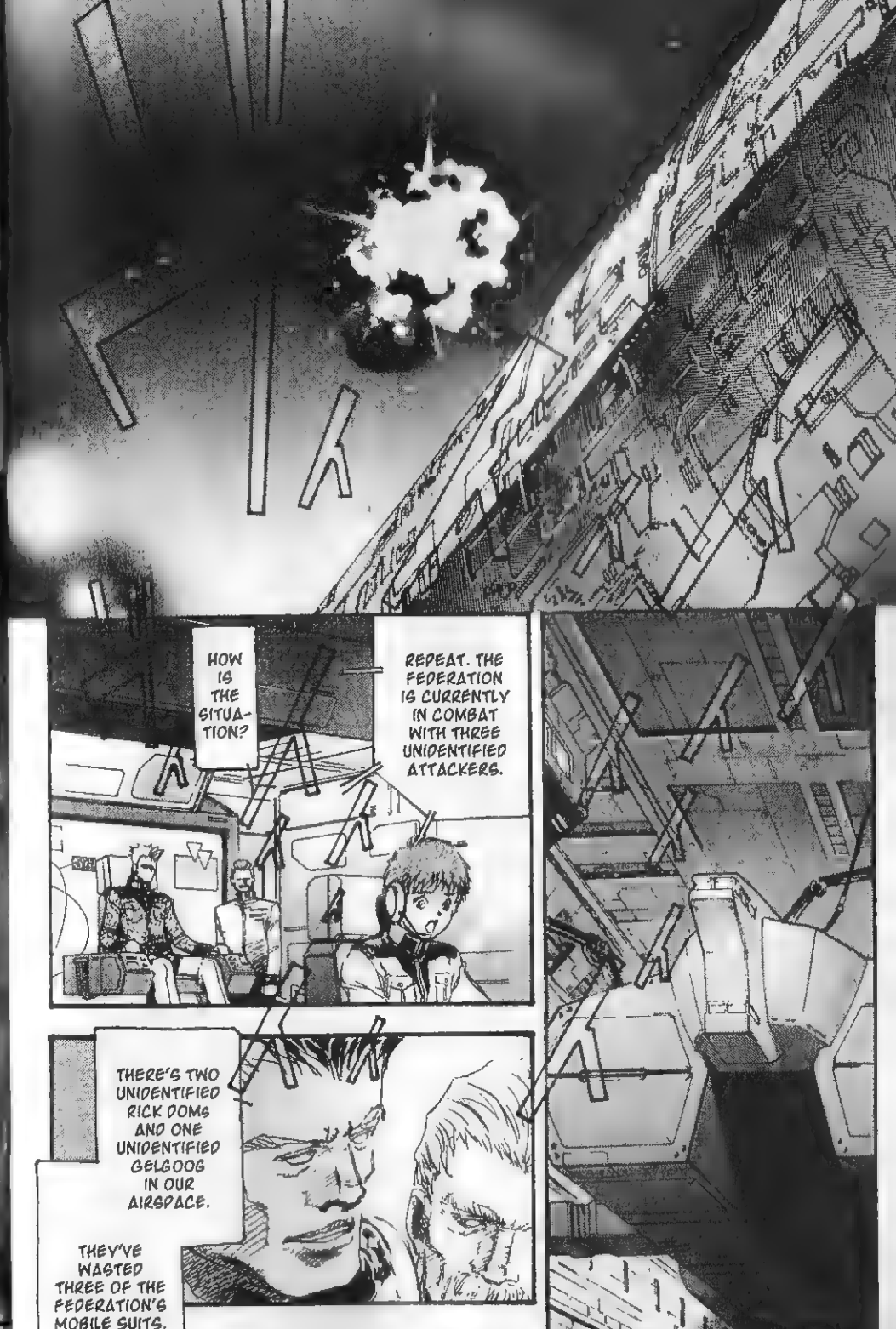
AN INSTRUCTOR. HE WORKS WITH INSTRUCTOR YAHAGI AT ÉCOLE DU CIEL. HE IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE "TRUE" MISSION OF THE SCHOOL-TO DISCOVER AND DEVELOP NEWTYPES. HE HAS STARTED TO FOCUS ON ASUNA, WHO IS SHOWING PROMISE. HE GAINS INFORMATION ABOUT ASUNA'S BIRTH THROUGH ILLICIT CHANNELS. HIS ACTIONS GO BEYOND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, BUT HIS GOALS AND MOTIVES REMAIN UNCLEAR.

AS A MOBILE SUIT PILOT, HE FOUGHT IN THE ONE YEAR WAR. HE IS CURRENTLY A MAJOR IN THE EARTH FEDERATION MILITARY.

HA!
WOULDN'T ASK YOU ANYWAY
COUNT ME OUT.
HOW ABOUT YOU, YAHAGI? YOU'RE QUICK.
...RUN LOOSE?
WITH THESE "RISKY" STORIES FLOATING AROUND, IS IT A GOOD IDEA TO LET...
...THE INVESTI-GATORS, ESPECIALLY THE ONES WHO ARE TITANS..
I WANT TO SEE HOW THEY'LL CHANGE THE WORLD.
I REALLY WANT TO SEE IT.
NEWTYPES ARE THOUGHT TO BE THE EVOLUTION OF HUMANITY.

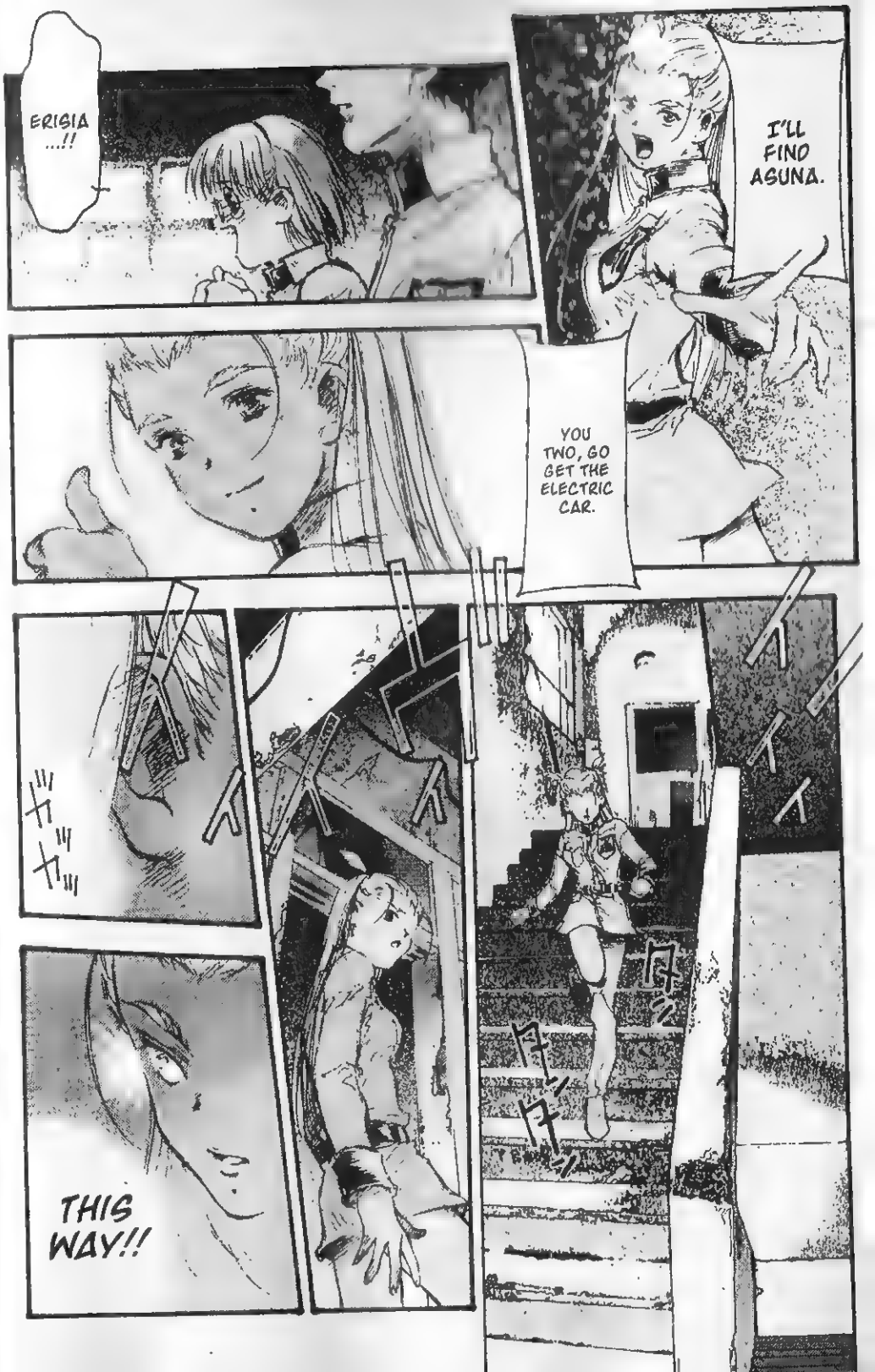
.....
SOMEONE...
?!
ASUNA!
...IS CALLING ME!
WHO IS IT?!
ASUNA!

WE HAVE CONFIRMED...
THEY'RE CRUSHING US!
ALL CREW MEMBERS REPORT BACK!
.....
DAMMIT, YOUR ACTIONS ARE TOO CONSPICUOUS!!
MARIE ALBERTIA...


HOW IS THE SITUATION?
REPEAT. THE FEDERATION IS CURRENTLY IN COMBAT WITH THREE UNIDENTIFIED ATTACKERS.
THERE'S TWO UNIDENTIFIED RICK DOMS AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED GELGOOG IN OUR AIRSPACE.
THEY'VE WASTED THREE OF THE FEDERATION'S MOBILE SUITS.

BUT ASUNA ...!
WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE SHIP!
AN EMERGENCY SIREN?
YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE FEDERATION'S REQUEST...
QUIT CRYING LIKE A LITTLE BITCH, TOMAS.
WE STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR?
...AS A MERE SUGGESTION.

YOU GOT ME.
I'M SO GLAD ...
...YOU CAN STILL READ ME.


ERIGIA ...!!
I'LL FIND ASUNA.
YOU TWO, GO GET THE ELECTRIC CAR.
THIS WAY!!

BE SURE TO PICK UP ANYTHING YOU NEED...
BEFORE THE NEXT WAVE HITS
BY THE WAY, HOW WAS YOUR BOY'S CLASS REUNION?
DON'T KNOW.
Ha ha!

FRANCIS!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO WASTE AMMO!
WELL, YOU UNLOADED IT INTO OUR SPARE PARTS!
SORRY. I WAS GETTIN' INTO A GROOVE.

A...
AKIRA?!

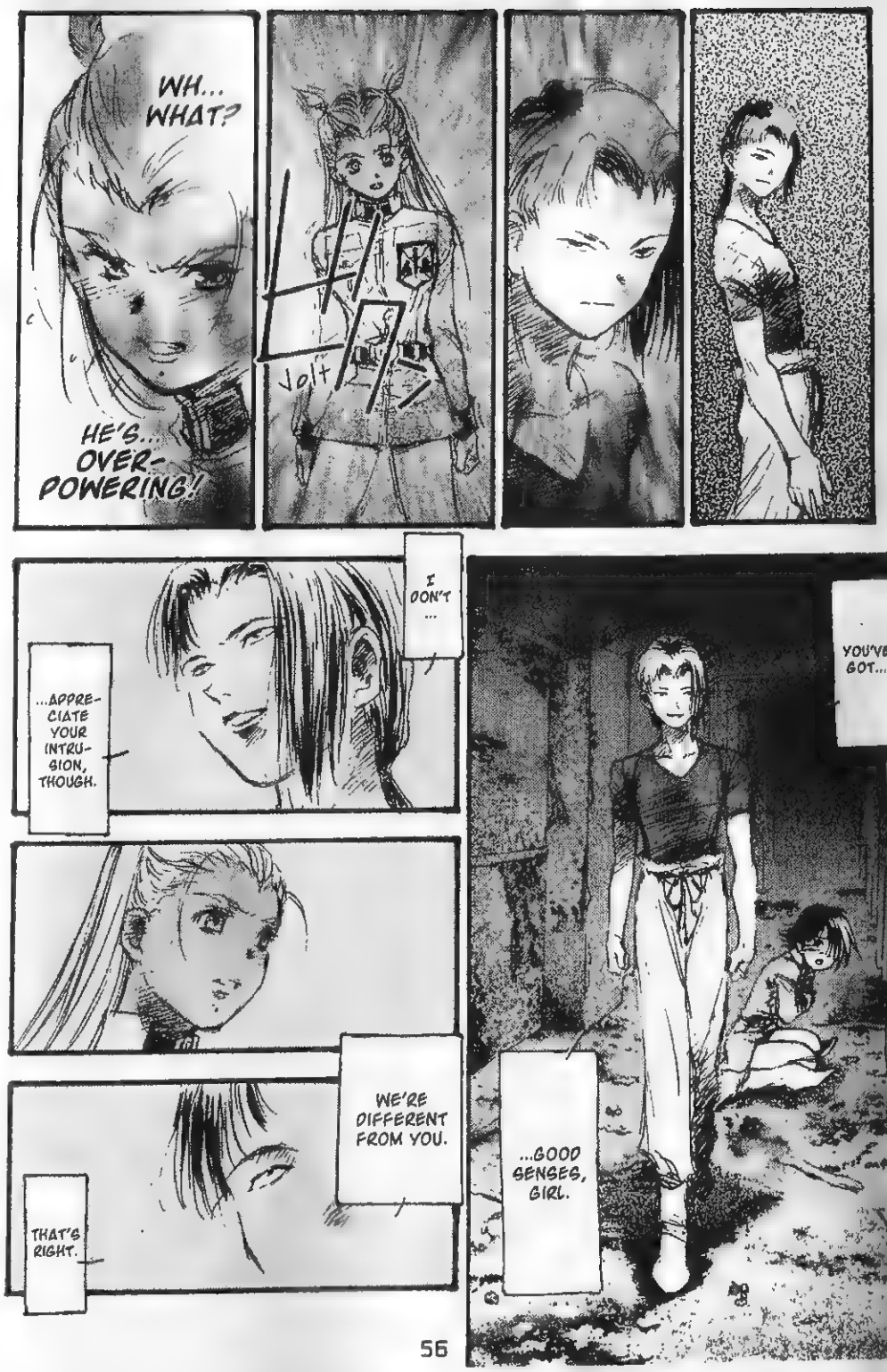
WHY...
...ARE YOU HERE?
WHY SHOULDN'T I BE?
I DON'T HAVE ANY...
...HAPPY MEM-ORIES OF THIS PLACE.
WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?
I DO. I HAVE MEMORIES OF YOU...
...MY ONLY FRIEND.

FEEL IT!
FEEL IT!
YOU CAN DO IT!
FEEL IT WITH YOUR HEART!
AKIRA CAN DO THIS! WHY CAN'T YOU?
WHY?! WHY?!
WE PLAYED TOGETHER HERE.
DON'T FOLLOW THE TARGET WITH YOUR EYES!
YOU NEED TO FEEL IT!
WHY CAN'T YOU DO IT?!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS!

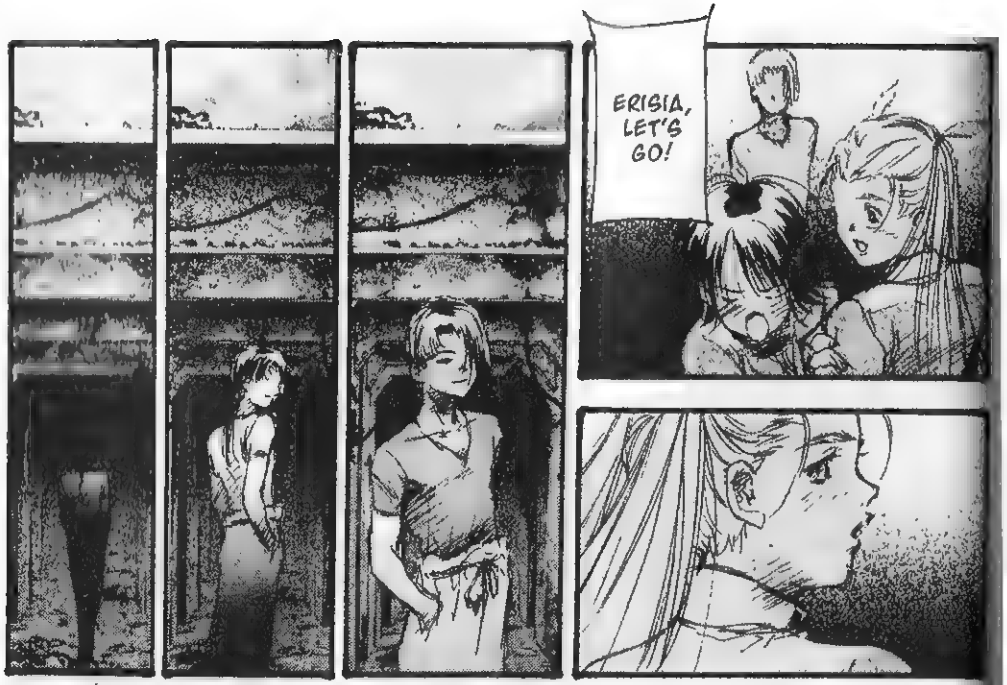
...BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WAITING FOR YOU.
YOU CAN FORCE YOURSELF TO STOP...
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS STOP THERE?
DEATH!
ASUNA!

!!

YOU'RE ONE OF THE...
...NORMAL KIDS.
THAT'S RIGHT. ASUNA AND I ARE SPECIAL.
WHAT, YOU'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL?
WE'RE THE END PRODUCT OF A GENETIC ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT...
...THAT WAS COMMENCED TO PROVE...


WH... WHAT?
HE'S... OVER-POWERING!
I DON'T...
...APPRECIATE YOUR INTRUSION, THOUGH.
WE'RE DIFFERENT FROM YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU'VE GOT...
...GOOD SENSES, GIRL.

...OTHER PEOPLE !!
THIS DOESN'T INVOLVE...
WILL YOU FIGHT ME?
WHAT IF I REFUSE?
PLEASE STOP!!
STOP!!
GENETIC ENGI-NEER-ING?!
WE'VE ALSO RECEIVED SPECIAL TRAINING.
THAT'S NOT ALL.
WE'RE NEW--
...THE SUPER-IORITY OF SPACE-NOIDS.


ERISIA, LET'S GO!

HE CALLED ME...
...NORMAL!!

I DON'T WANT TO...
...FIGHT!!

...GO WRONG.
THAT'S WHERE YOU...

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IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, ASUNA!
WE'LL BE IN DEEP CRAP IF WE DON'T GET THERE SOON!
.....?!
NO!
THANKS!
THERE'S A SHORTCUT COMING UP.

DOES HE MEAN...
HE SAID "NEW"...
ERISIA
ASUNA!
SPECIAL TRAINING...?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
WE WERE WORRIED!
...NEW-TYPE?
OH.
I'M FINE.
LET'S GO.
ERISIA?

HEY...
DON'T SQUIRM.
!!
SHINN... WHAT'S WRONG?
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...

DON'T... LOOK...
WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS?
IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT?
I'M OKAY.

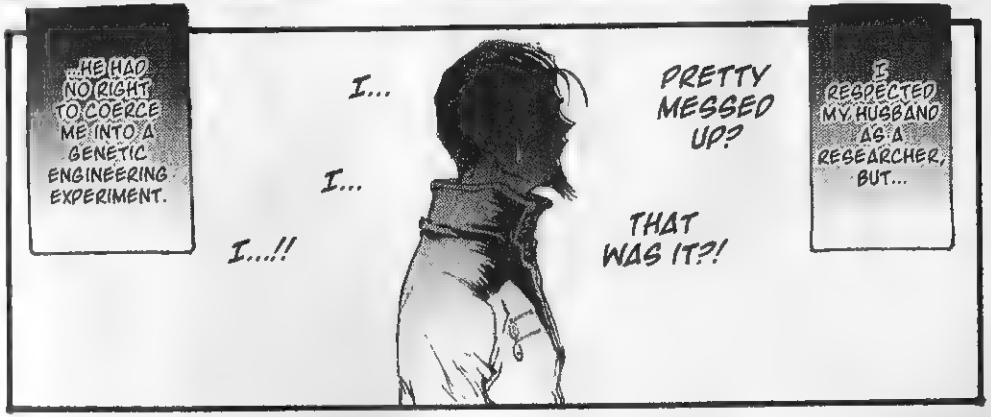
HONK
HONK
WHAT'S UP WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL?
IF IT GETS THIS SCREWED UP EVERY TIME THERE'S AN ALERT, WHAT'S IT GOOD FOR?!
WHAT A JOKE!!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, YAHAGI.

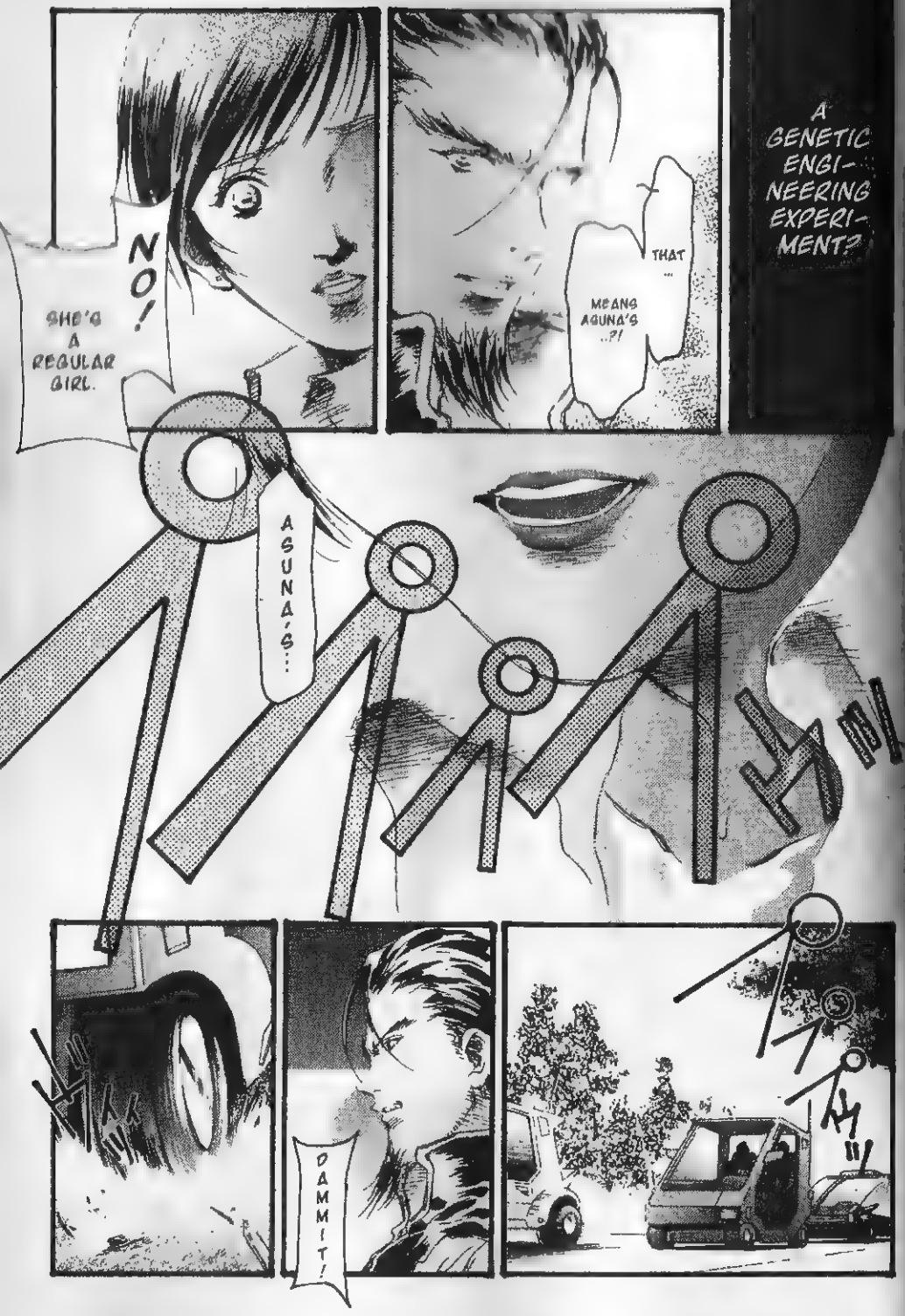
WHAT IS...
...WRONG WITH ME?!

THAT'S WHY...
IT WAS TOO STRESS-FUL.
I NEVER COULD WAIT FOR YOU.
...I PICKED MY HUSBAND.
THAT WAS SIXTEEN YEARS AGO.
I MET YOU JUST ONCE AFTER THAT...
I QUIT THE UNIVER-SITY AND MARRIED HIM.
.....

YOU WOULD GET SO ANGRY WHEN YOU HAD TO WAIT FOR ME.
WELL YEAH!
I WAS ALWAYS WAITING FOR YOU!
THAT'S SO FUNNY.
IT'S USUALLY THE GIRLS SAYING THAT.
"WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, STUDYING OR ME?!"
YOU WOULD ALWAYS SAY...
THAT'S RIGHT.

I WAS PRETTY MESSED UP...
...BACK THEN.


...HE HAD NO RIGHT TO COERCE ME INTO A GENETIC ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT.
I...
I...
I...!!
PRETTY MESSED UP?
THAT WAS IT?!
I RESPECTED MY HUSBAND AS A RESEARCHER, BUT...

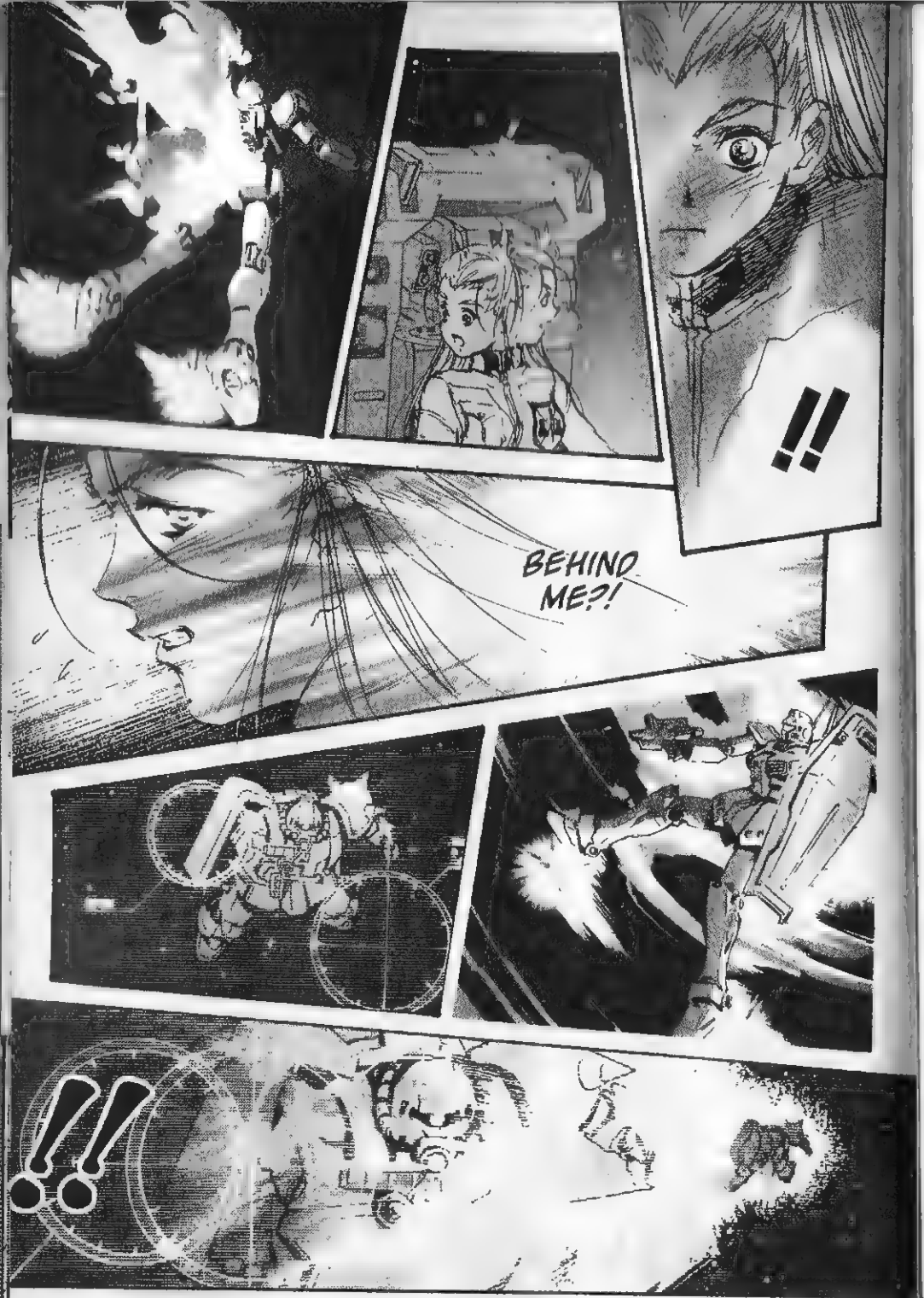

NO!
SHE'S A REGULAR GIRL.
THAT ...
MEANG AGUNA'S ..?!
A GENETIC ENGI-NEERING EXPERI-MENT?
AGUNA'S...
DAMMIT!

YAHAGI...
ASUNA'S...!!
AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY.
THE COMBAT CAUSED CHAOS, BUT OUR LIFE SUPPORT AND SUPPLIES ARE SECURE.
.....

DARN.
Ha ha ha...
ALL CREW MEMBERS REPORT TO YOUR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS UPON ARRIVAL.
THE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT HAVE LEFT THE COMBAT ZONE.
MAYBE WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE SHIP.
WE ARE NOW AT EMERGENCY LEVEL TWO.

MAYBE WE'LL GET SENT OFF TO WAR!
SENT OFF TO... WAR.
!

ASUNA, YOU'RE STILL UPSET AT YOUR FATHER...
DON'T SPEAK OF YOUR FATHER LIKE THAT.
WHY DO YOU...
...ALWAYS STOP THERE?
ASUNA!
EMILU...
WHILE WE ARE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE PEACE...
I HEAR IT WAS A GROUP OF MILITANT ZEON REMNANTS.
...THE MILITANTS HAVE VOWED TO CONTINUE THE BLOODSHED.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BEHIND ME?!
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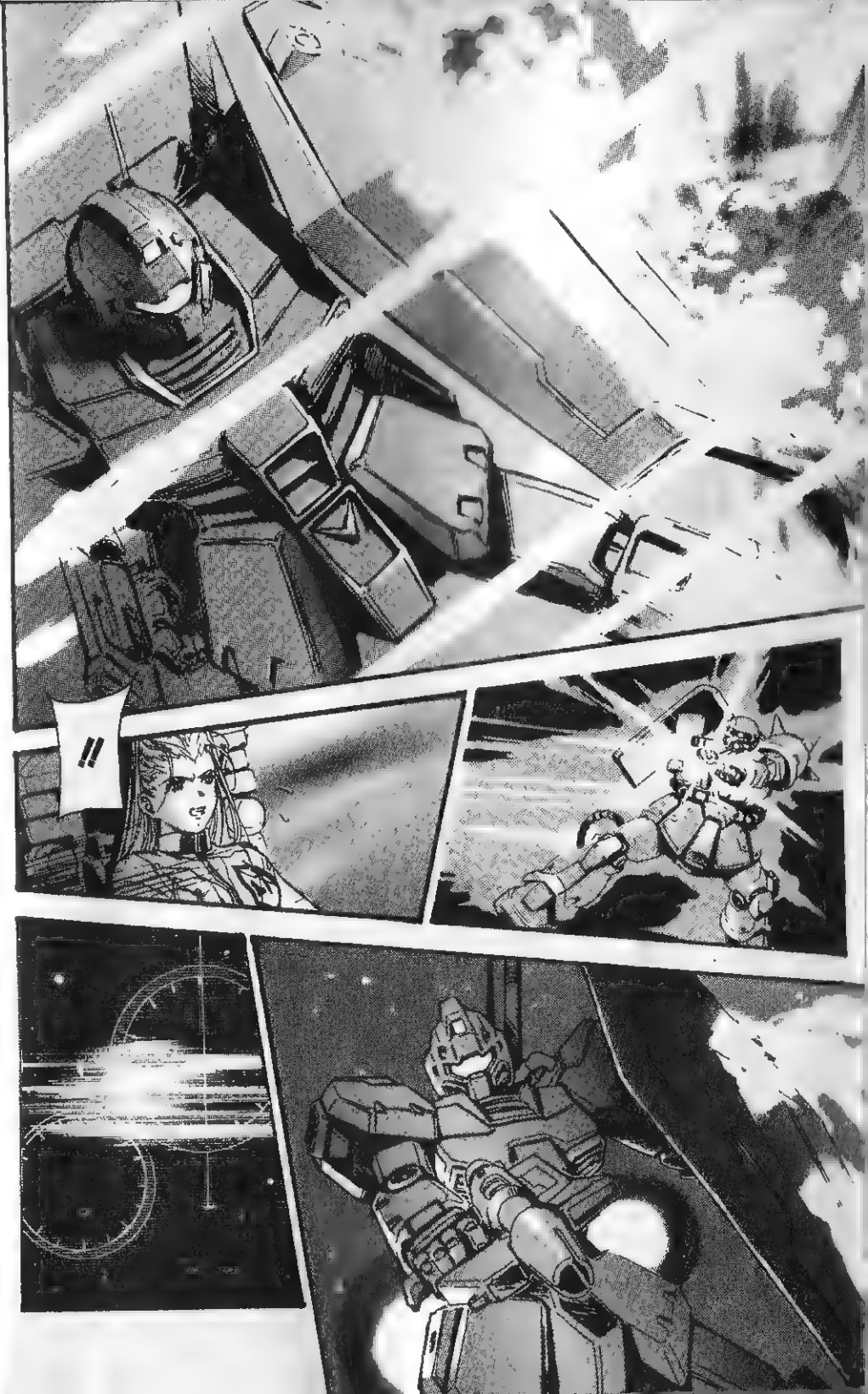
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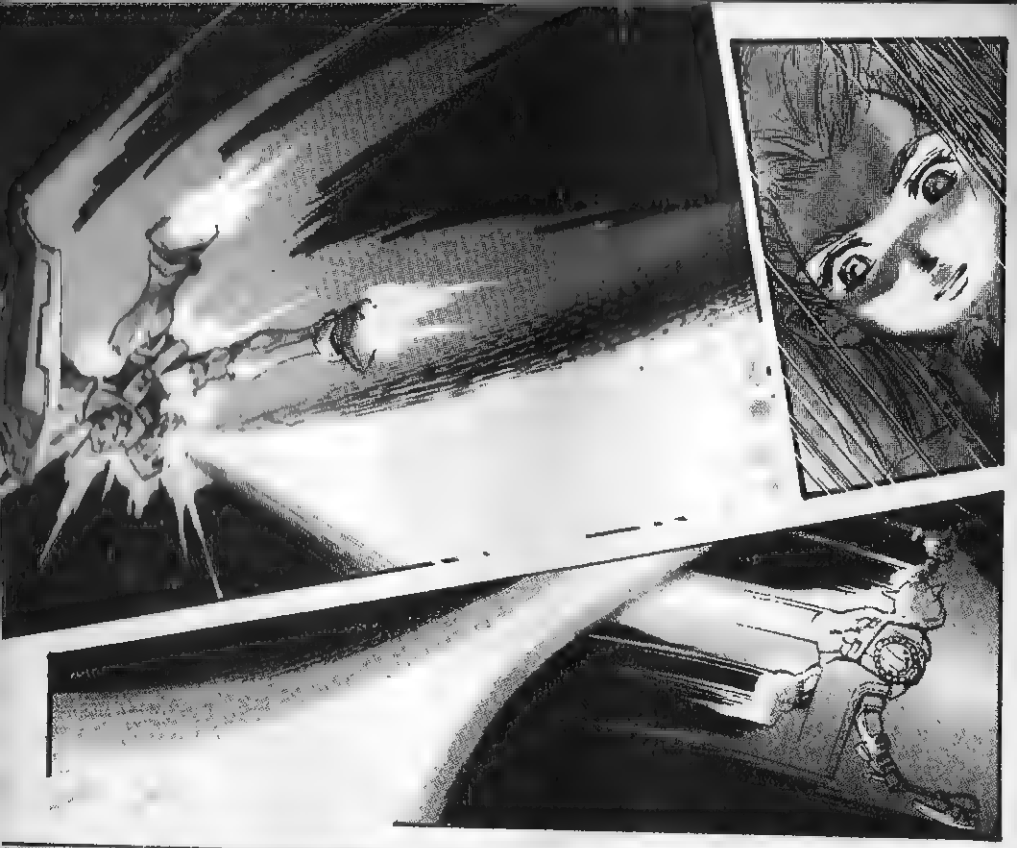

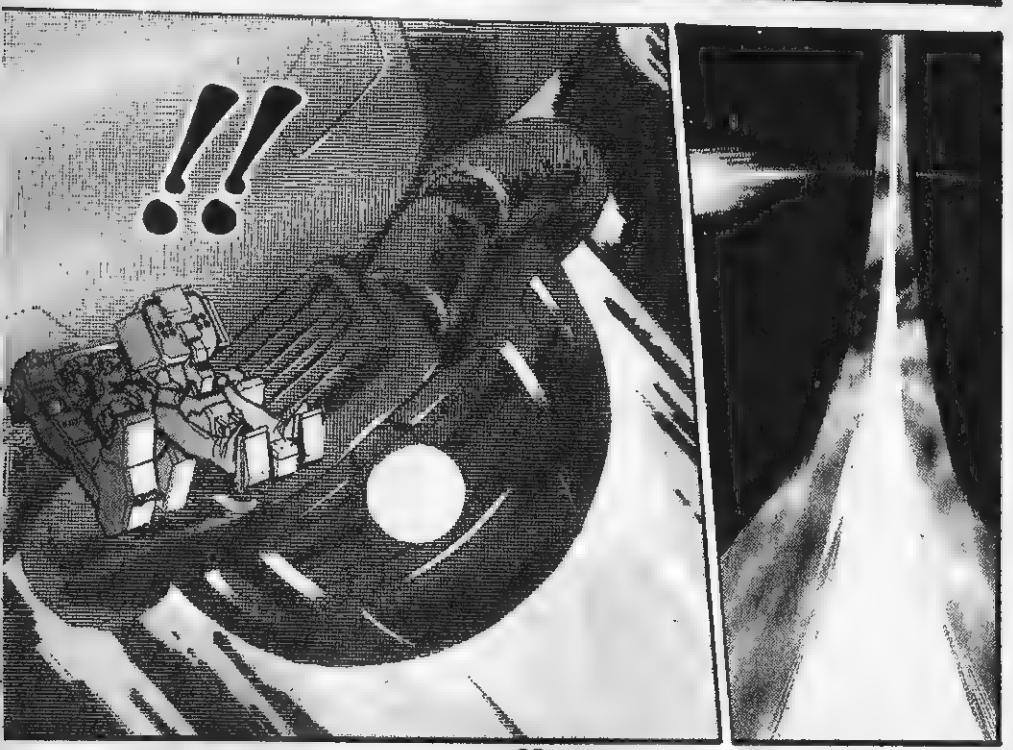
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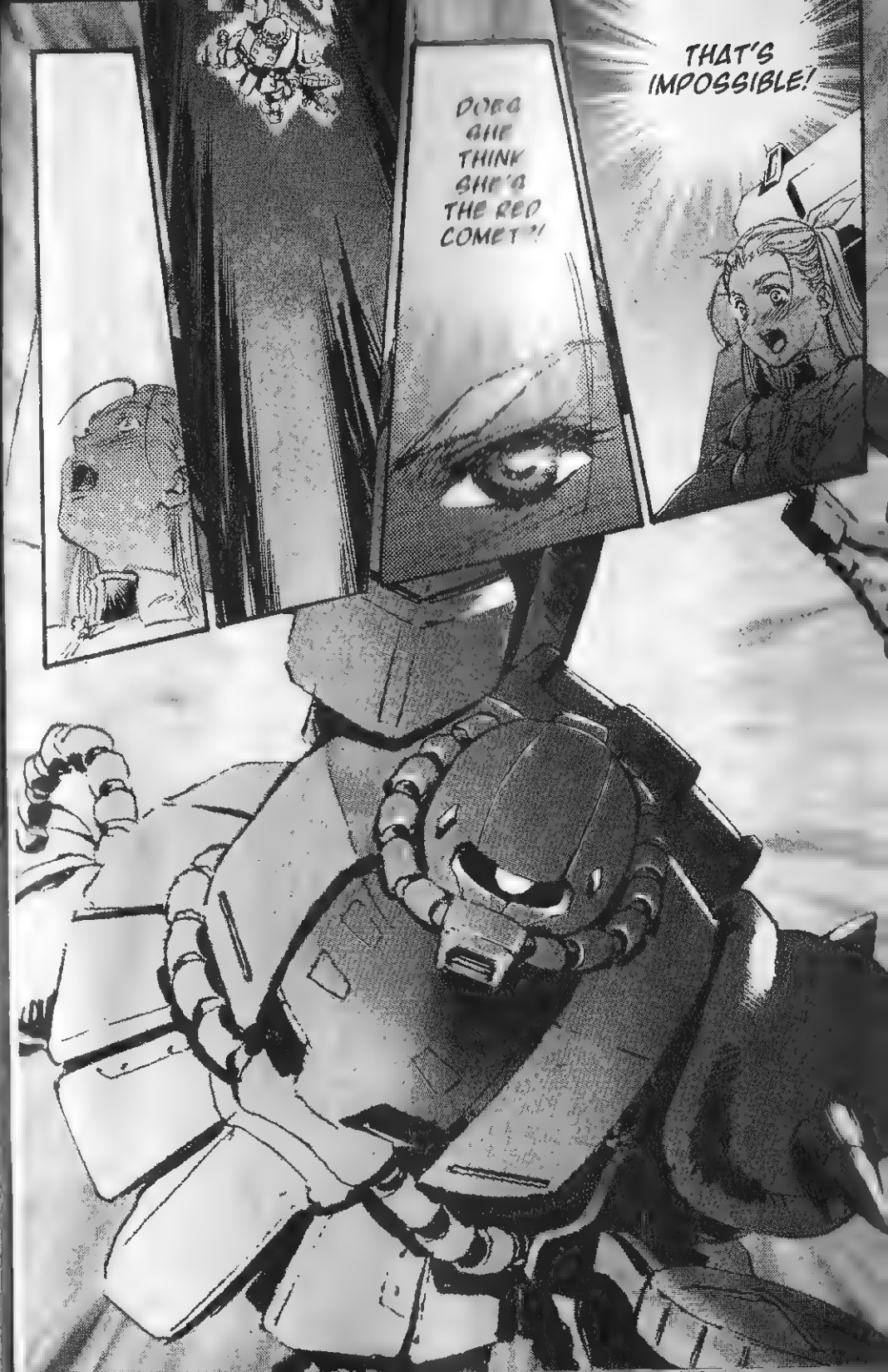
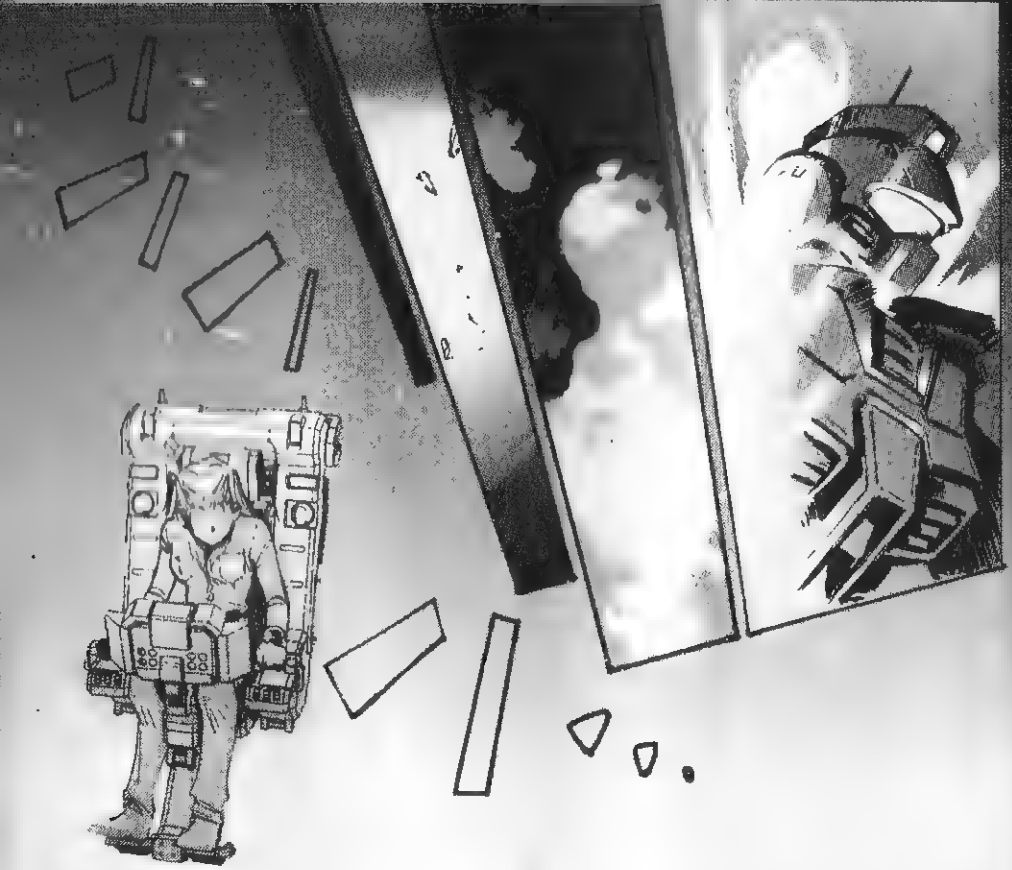

DOES SHE THINK SHE'S THE RED COMET?!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



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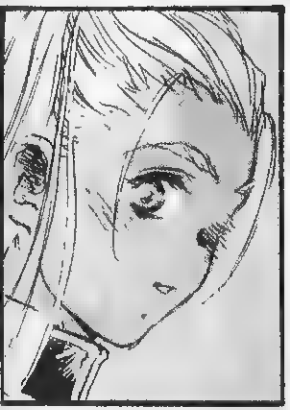

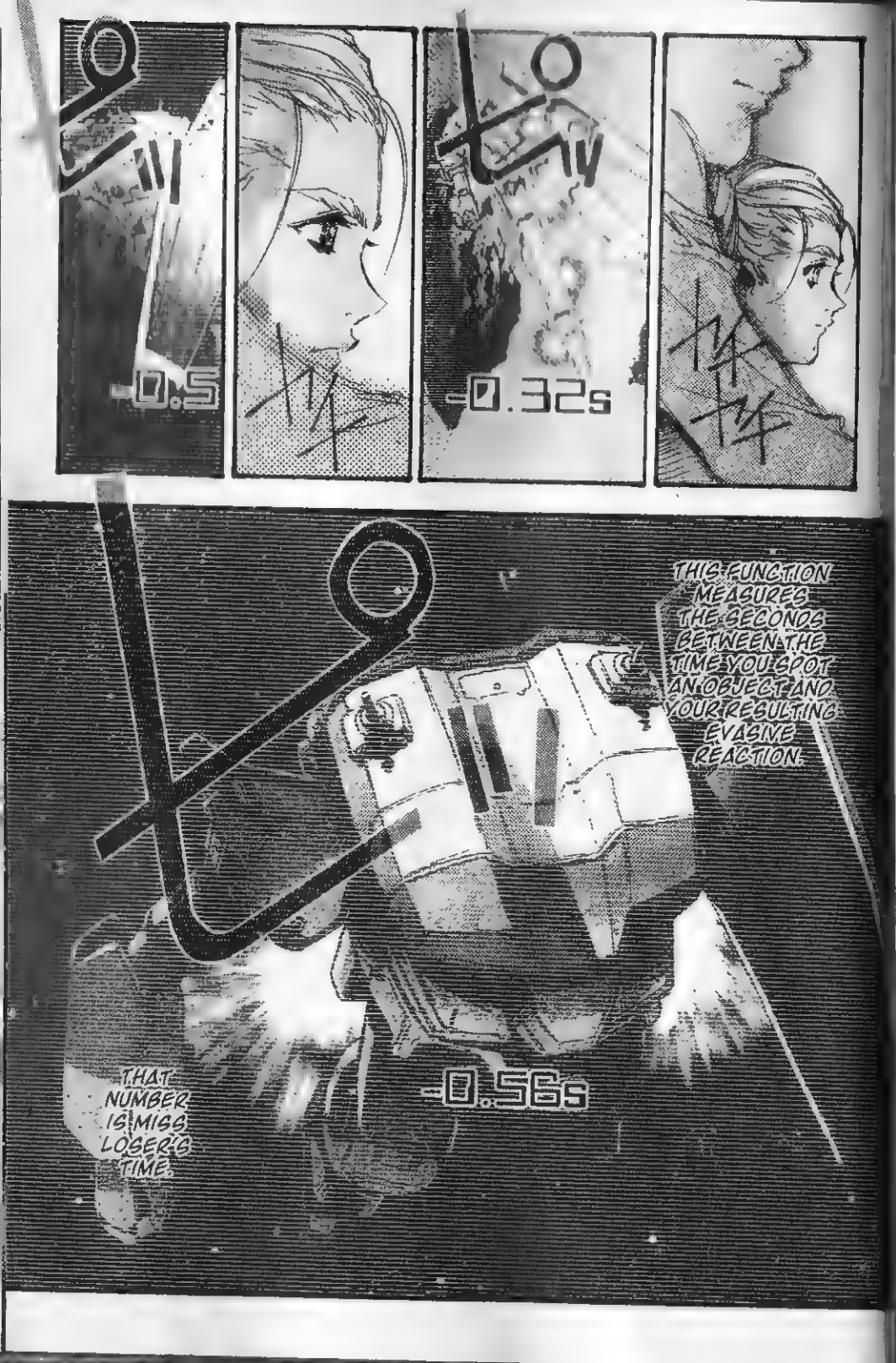
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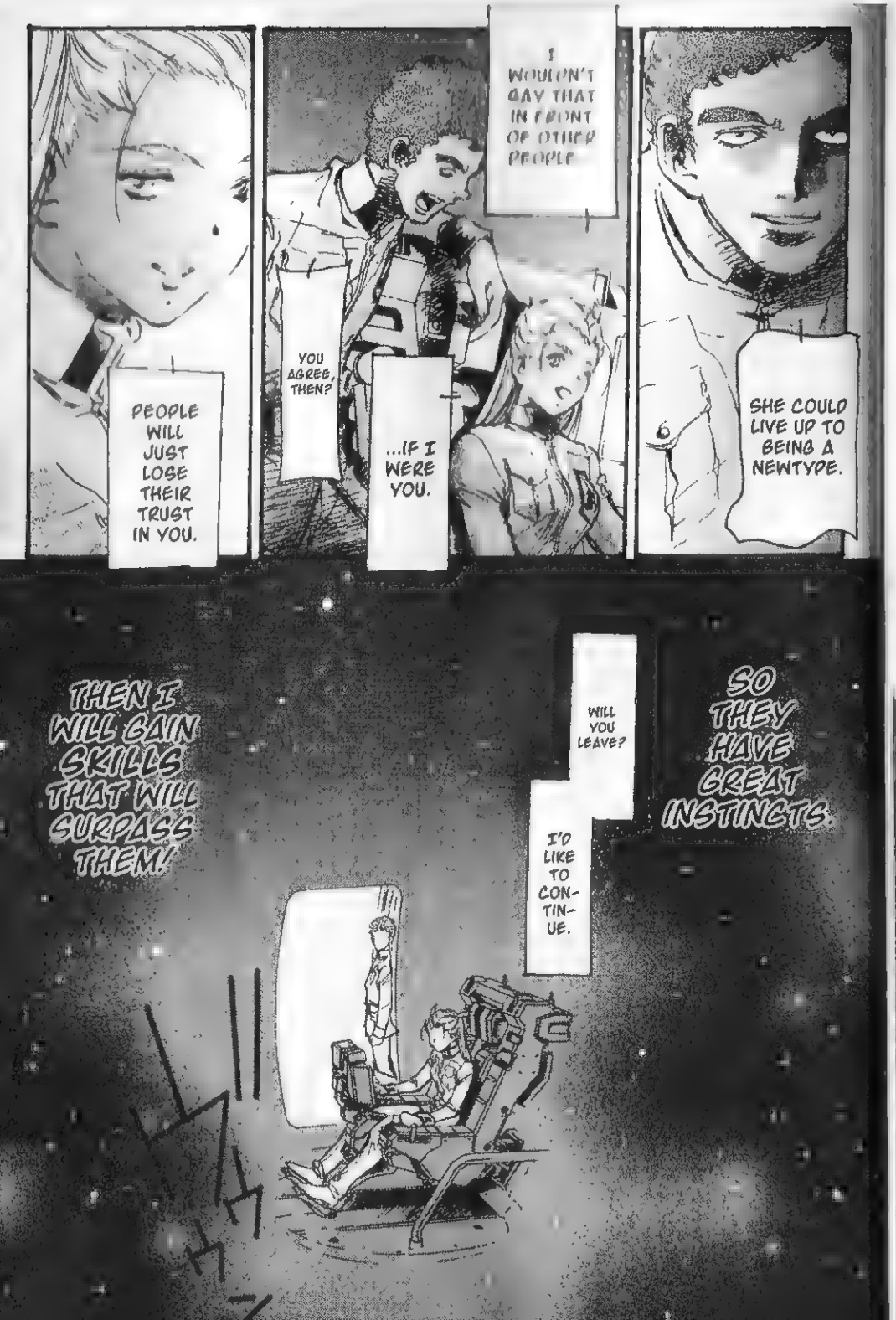
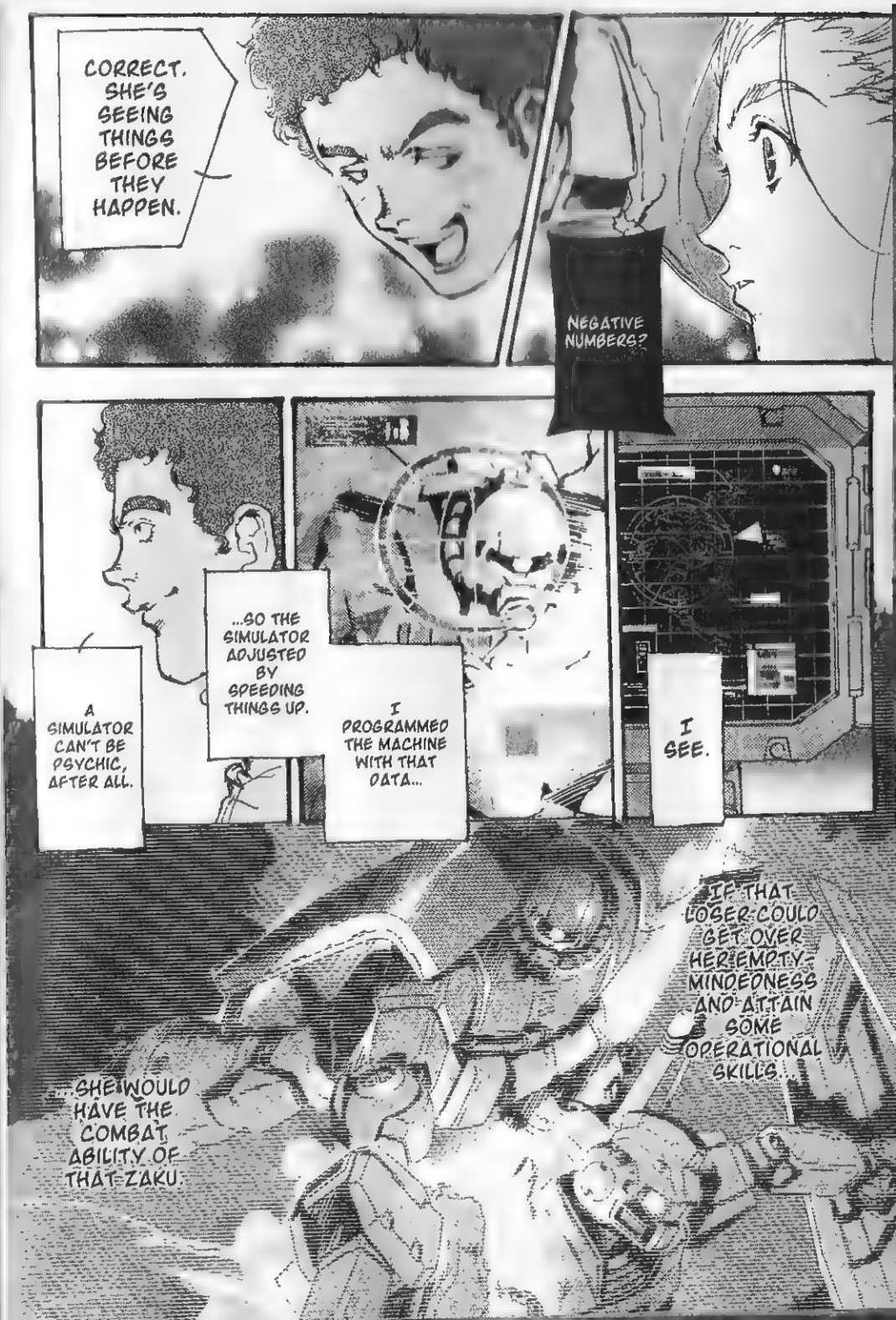
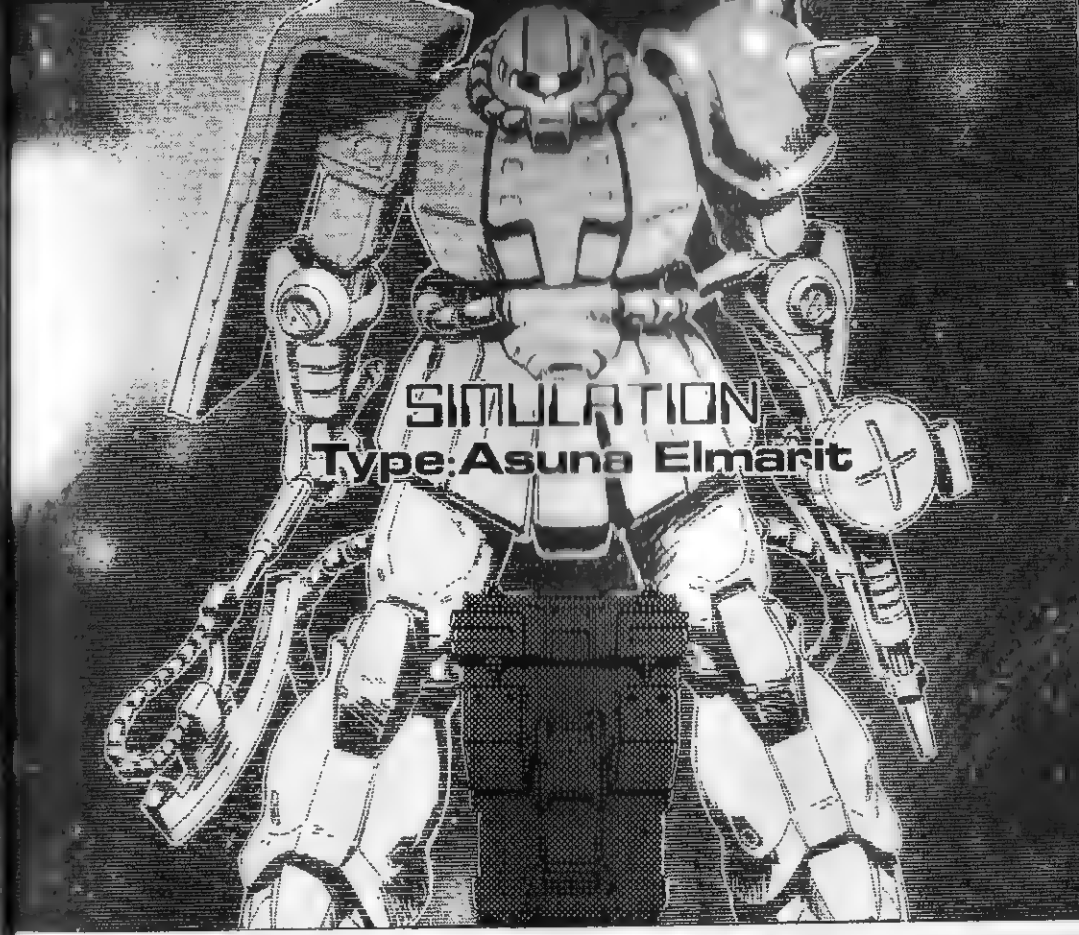
-0.32s
THIS FUNCTION MEASURES THE SECONDS BETWEEN THE TIME YOU SPOT AN OBJECT AND YOUR RESULTING EVASIVE REACTION.
-0.56s
THAT NUMBER IS MISS LOSER'S TIME.

HOW'D YOU KNOW, KERRY?
I FIGURED IT OUT.
...ON THAT PROGRAM
I DON'T LAST THIRTY SECONDS...
THE ONE YOU WERE FIGHTING?
THAT'S LI'L LOSER'S DATA, RIGHT?
IT'S BECOME MORE APPARENT IN HER RECENT TRAINING.
REMEMBER WHEN THE THREE OF US WERE ON A TEAM DURING LIVE TRAINING ON EARTH?
-0.62s


PEOPLE WILL JUST LOSE THEIR TRUST IN YOU.
YOU AGREE, THEN?
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE.
...IF I WERE YOU.
SHE COULD LIVE UP TO BEING A NEWTYPE.
SO THEY HAVE GREAT INSTINCTS.
WILL YOU LEAVE?
I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE.
THEN I WILL GAIN SKILLS THAT WILL SURPASS THEM!


CORRECT. SHE'S SEEING THINGS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN.
NEGATIVE NUMBERS?
I SEE.
I PROGRAMMED THE MACHINE WITH THAT DATA...
...SO THE SIMULATOR ADJUSTED BY SPEEDING THINGS UP.
A SIMULATOR CAN'T BE PSYCHIC, AFTER ALL.
IF THAT LOSER COULD GET OVER HER EMPTY-MINDEDNESS AND ATTAIN SOME OPERATIONAL SKILLS...
...SHE WOULD HAVE THE COMBAT ABILITY OF THAT ZAKU.

I COULDN'T TELL YAHAGI WHAT I WANTED TODAY.
I CAN'T...
...JUST LET THINGS BE...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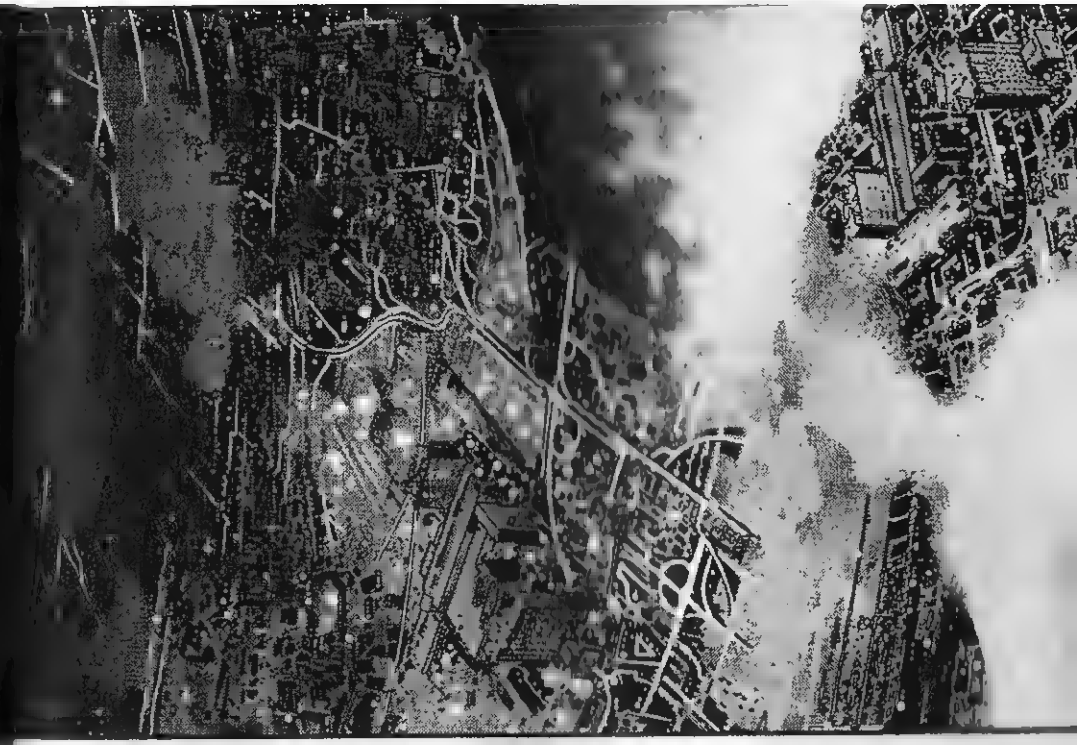
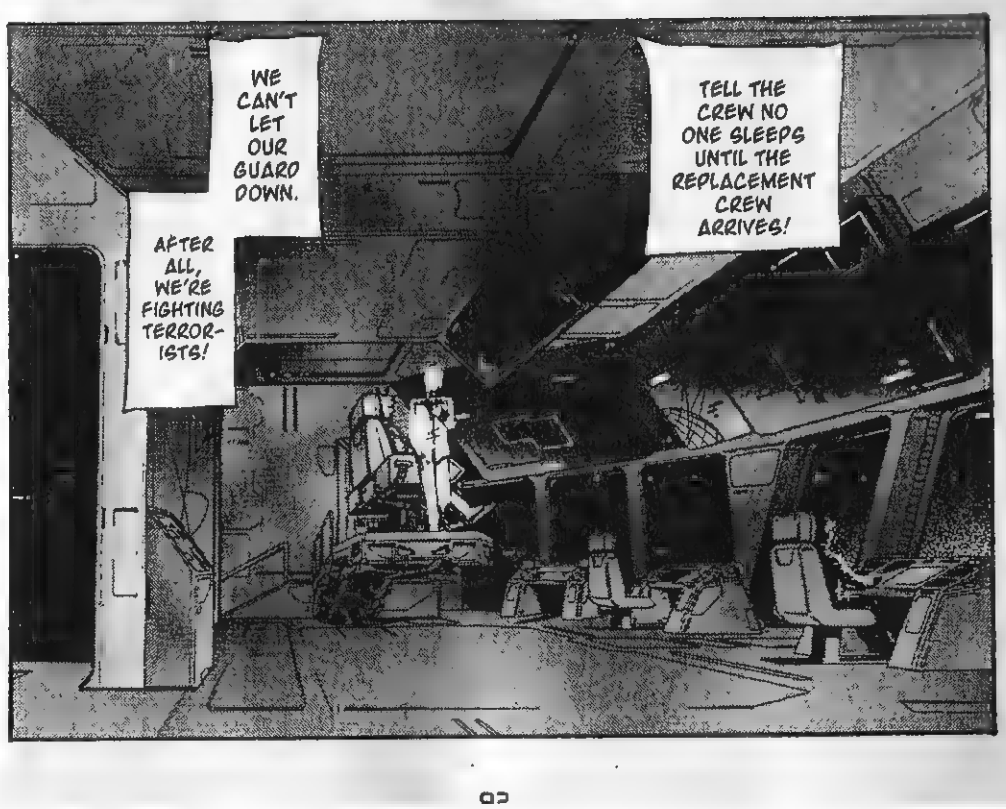


CAP-
TAIN.
SOMEONE HAS REQUESTED A MEETING.
MEETING?
DID THEY?
WHAT A MESS!
I HEARD THINGS WENT PRETTY WELL.

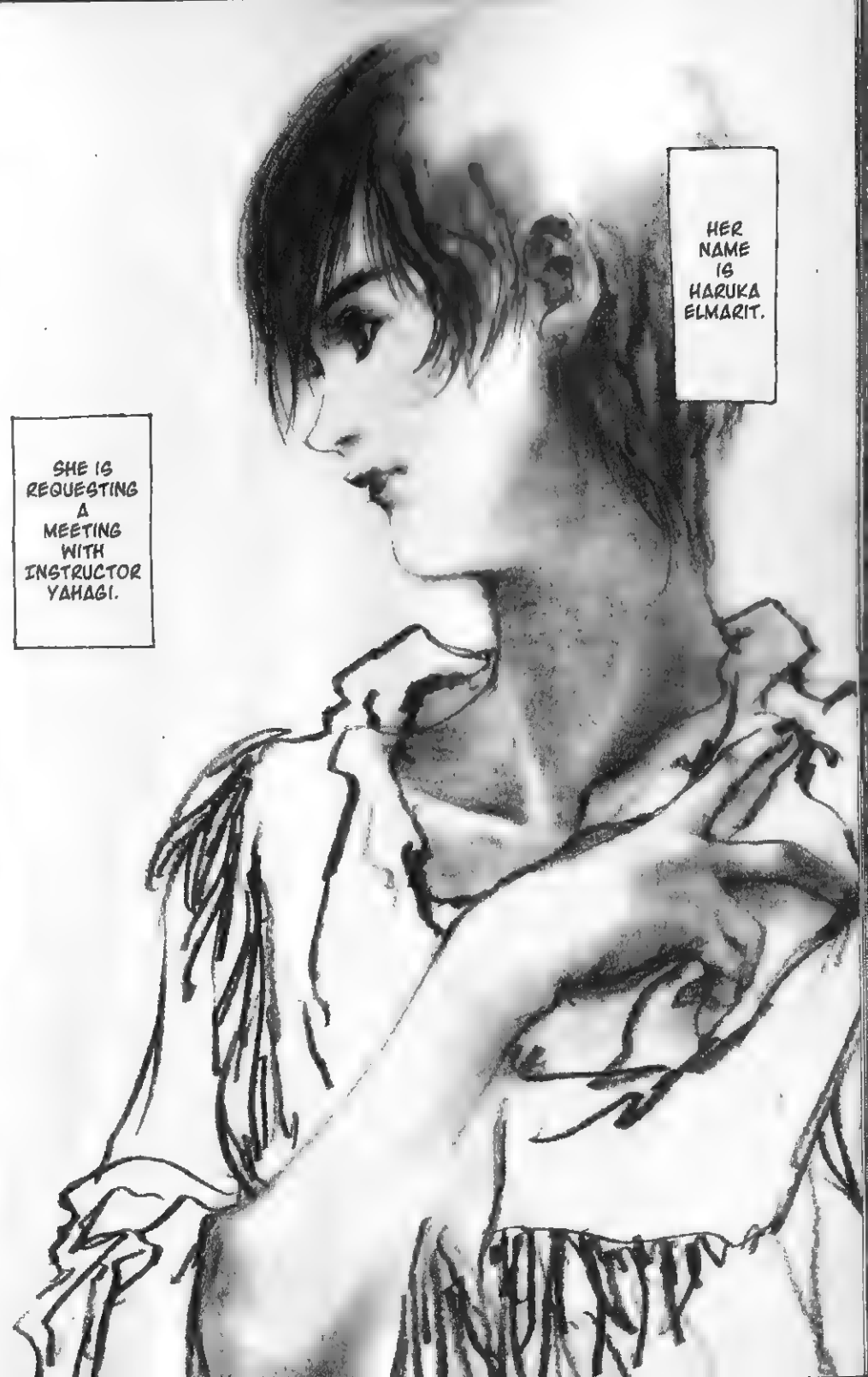

WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.
AFTER ALL, WE'RE FIGHTING TERROR-ISTS!
TELL THE CREW NO ONE SLEEPS UNTIL THE REPLACEMENT CREW ARRIVES!

CHARACTER FILE:07

Alpa Rau

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE "COUNCIL" AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COMPANY'S (A MILITARY CONTRACTOR) INTERESTS. HIS FOCUS IS ON NEW WEAPONS DEALING WITH THE NEWTYPE'S ABILITIES, AND HAS INVESTED A LOT OF MONEY INTO ÉCOLE DU CIEL.

AS INSURANCE, HE HAS A DIRECT, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH INSTRUCTOR FORMA. HE HAS SHARED DATA ABOUT ASUNA'S BIRTH AS WELL AS THE FLANAGAN FILES. HE IS ACTUALLY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HIS COMPANY AND IS LOOKING TO IMPROVE HIS POSITION BY PROVING HIS WORTH THROUGH THIS PROJECT.



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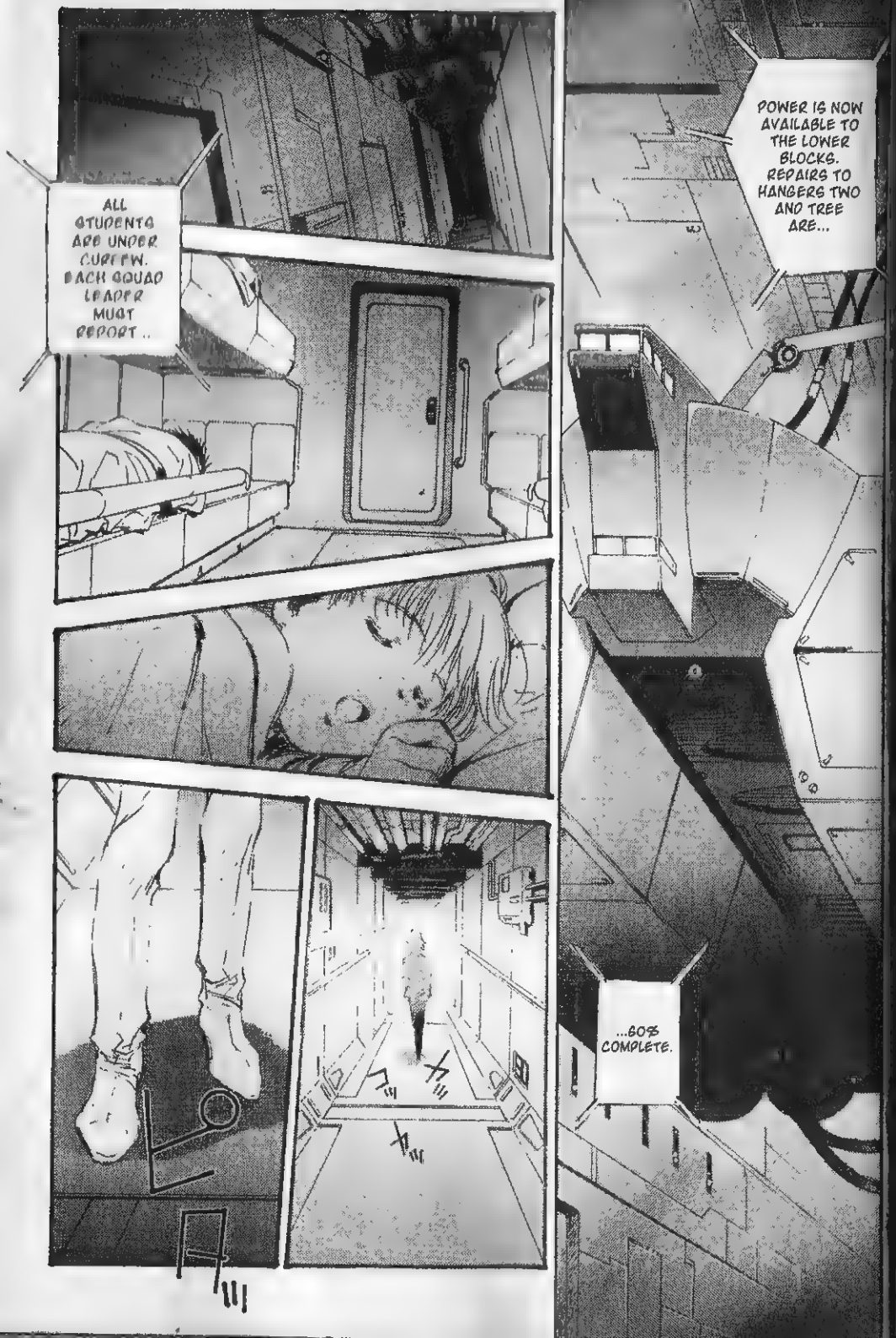
ALL STUDENTS ARE UNDER CURFEW. EACH SQUAD LEADER MUST REPORT ..
POWER IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE LOWER BLOCKS. REPAIRS TO HANGERS TWO AND THREE ARE...
...80% COMPLETE.

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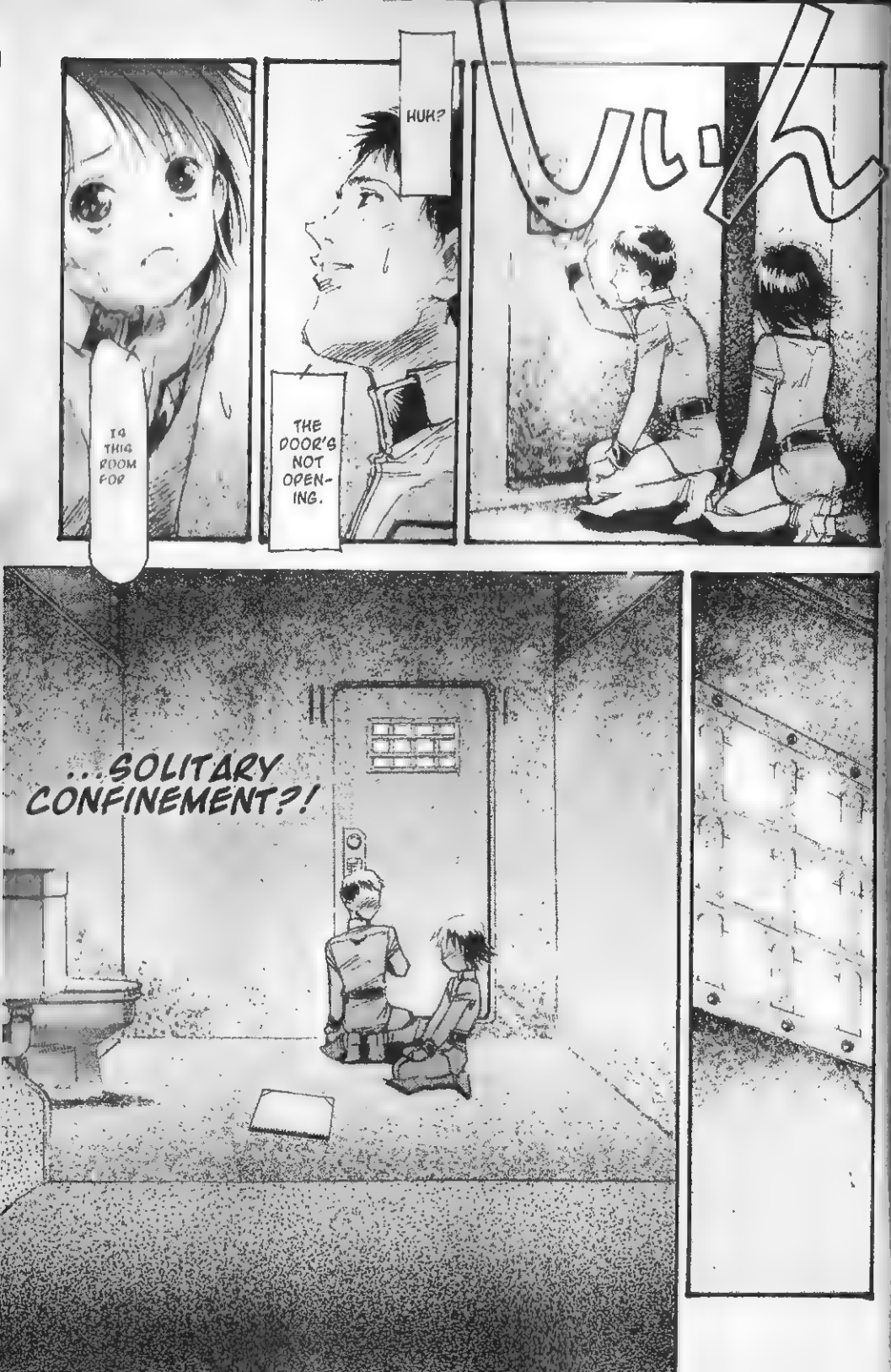
SHINN?
IT'S AFTER CURFEW.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ASUNA?
Shh!
!!
I WANTED TO DRAW.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP ME CLEAR MY HEAD.
YOUR SKETCH-BOOK ...?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME.
!!

HMM...
NOT QUITE.
IT DOESN'T INSPIRE ME TO DRAW.
MACHINES ARE STILL--
!!


IS THIS ROOM FOR
HUH?
THE DOOR'S NOT OPENING.
...SOLITARY CONFINEMENT?!

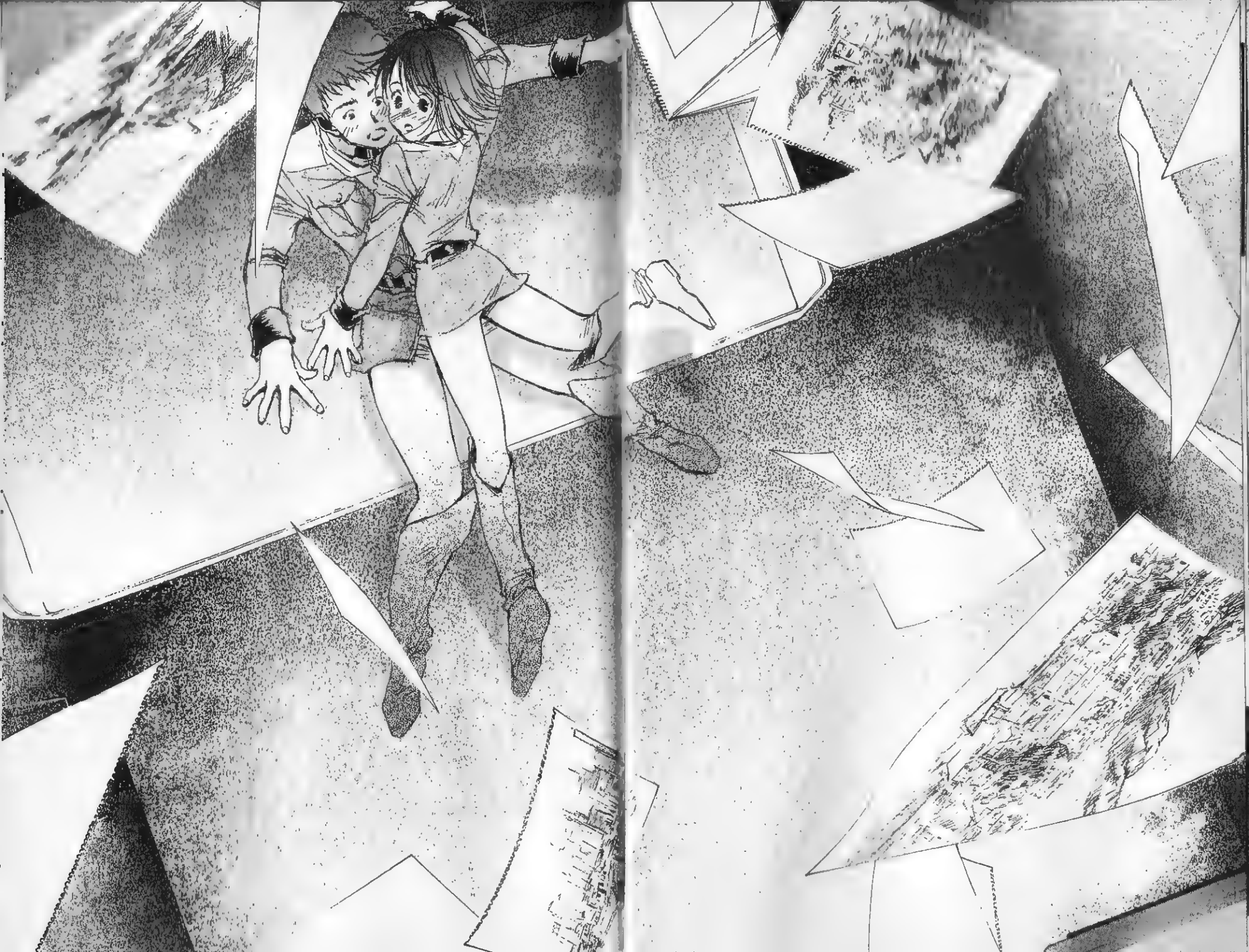
I THINK SHE'S GONE.
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN...
...IN THE SIMULATION ROOM.
I'M SURPRISED...
THINGS HAVE BEEN AWKWARD WITH ERISIA...
Sorry.
...RECENTLY.
...YOU NOTICED HER IN TIME.
IF YOU DON'T GO TO SLEEP, I GET MY BUTT KICKED AS THE SQUAD LEADER.

I'LL TAKE YOU THERE
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE MEETING ROOM IS?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN ABOUT THIS?

CALM DOWN, SIR!
COLONEL!
WE'VE GOT AN ENEMY ON OUR SHIP REQUESTING A MEETING!
DON'T YOU TELL ME TO CALM DOWN!

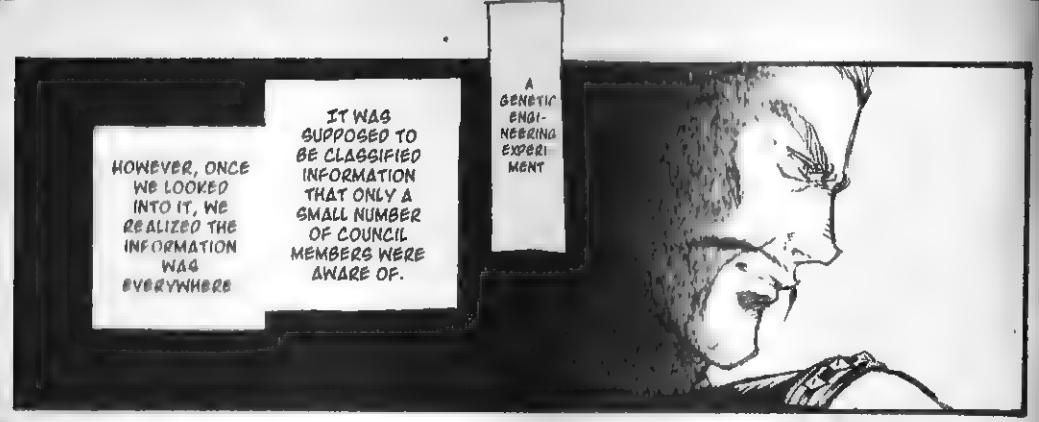
WE'RE IN THIS MESS BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO HIDE, REMEMBER?
I'M JUST TAKIN' A PEEK!
GIVE UP.
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!
HEY, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT PICKED THIS ROOM!
STOP!
DON'T LOOK AT 'EM!!

ARE YOU TAKING ABOUT ASUNA ELMARIT BEING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED?
FROM YAHAGI HIMSELF
ABOUT YAHAGI AND HARUKA ELMARIT?
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
YOU KNOW, RIGHT?

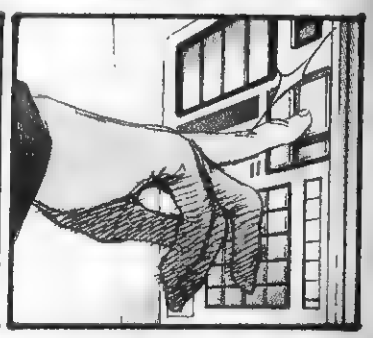


...I CAN REALLY SENSE...
...THE WIND AND THE SMELL OF THE PLACE.

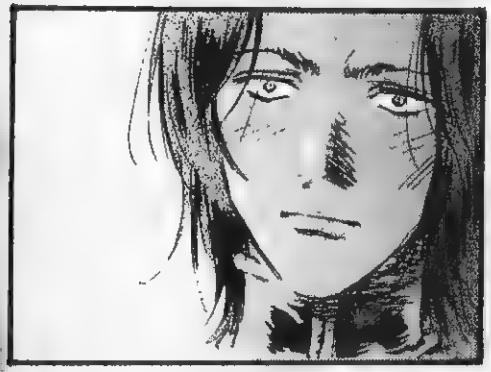
DID YOU DRAW IT FROM MEMORY?
HEY, ISN'T THIS THE SCHOOL?
SOMETIMES YOU SEE MORE CLEARLY WHEN YOU'RE FAR AWAY.
One, two, three...
KINDA, BUT IT'S DIFFERENT.
WHEN I THINK OF MONTREAL..
...IN THIS PLACE OF NOTHING-NESS...

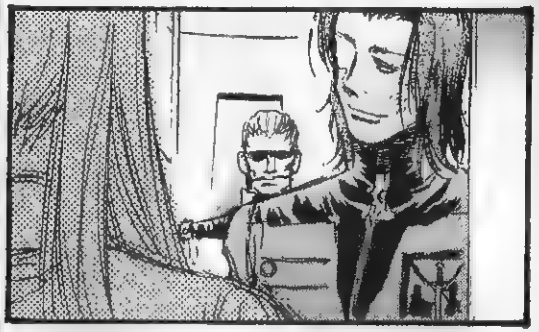

A GENETIC ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION THAT ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE AWARE OF.
HOWEVER, ONCE WE LOOKED INTO IT, WE REALIZED THE INFORMATION WAS EVERYWHERE

IT'S A FARCE.



IT'S STILL TOP SECRET.
OTHER INSTRUCTORS AND THE PRINCIPAL THINK ASUNA'S ONLY RECEIVED SPECIALIZED TRAINING AT ZEON.

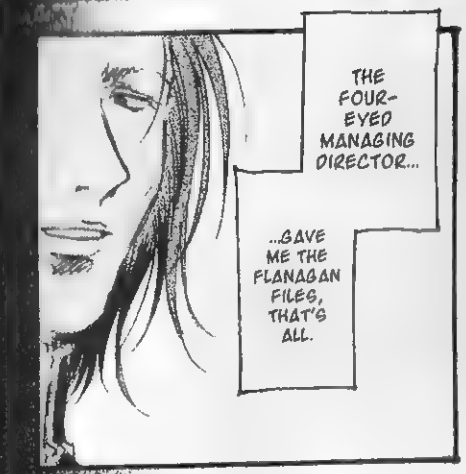




HUH?
FLANAGAN FILES?

I'LL SEND YOU THE FLANAGAN FILES FROM THE SIXTIES.

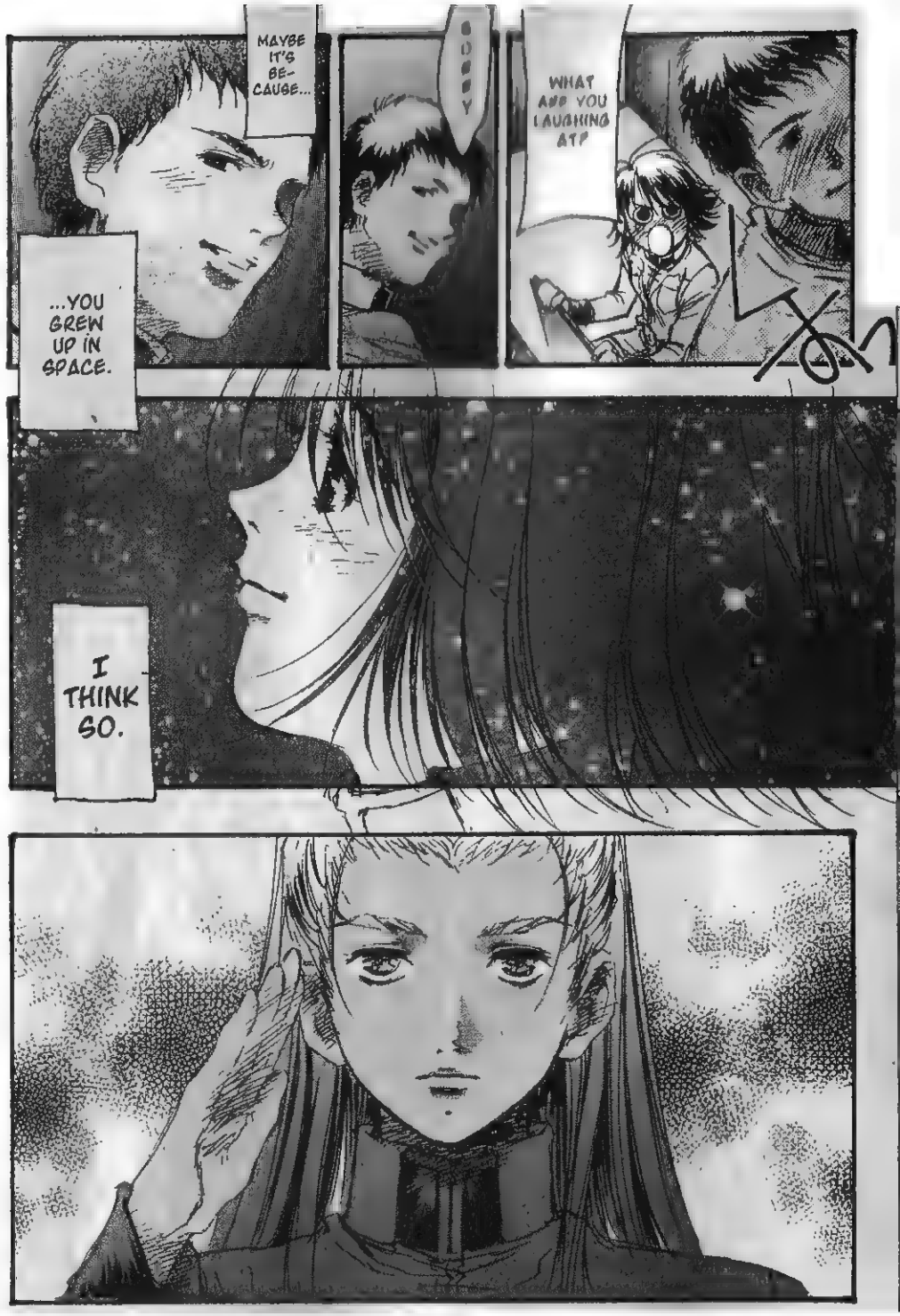
FROM HIM, EH?


THE FOUR-EYED MANAGING DIRECTOR...
...GAVE ME THE FLANAGAN FILES, THAT'S ALL.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL HELP, BUT...
IT'S DATA FROM BEFORE HE BUILT HIS INSTITUTION.

IF WE CONSIDER PROFESSOR ELMARIT'S RESEARCH, IT'S NOT TOO HARD TO IMAGINE.
IT LOOKED LIKE A TRANSFER CONTRACT OF GENETIC INFORMATION.

I NEED TO TALK.
UM ...
IT'S PAST CURFEW.
WHAT'S UP?
DO ANIPAL?
Hoh.
SPEAK FREELY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS GIRL...
ERISIA NOCTON.
INSTRUCTOR!
SHE WAS ONE OF THE FINALISTS.
...NEWTYPES EXIST?
DO YOU BELIEVE...


MAYBE IT'S BE-CAUSE...
...YOU GREW UP IN SPACE.
I THINK SO.
HEY
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?

COME WITH ME.
ALL RIGHT.
YOU FEEL THAT CHIP'S...
...NOT "NORMAL"?
YES, SIR!
COLONEL!
Y--
YES, SIR.
.....

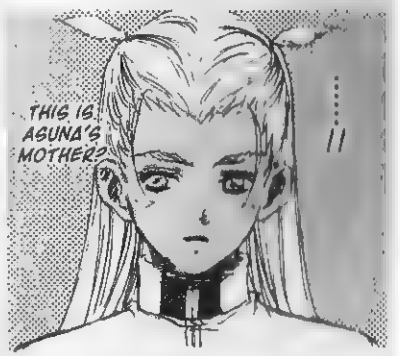
.....
I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS!
HA HA HA.
WHY ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THAT?
IS THIS ABOUT AGUNA ELMARIT?
.....
A RUMOR HAS BEEN GOING AROUND...
I'VE NOTICED SOMETHING UNNATURAL ABOUT A STUDENT HERE.
.....

WAIT A MINUTE!
I DON'T NEED YOU TO TALK TO ME THAT WAY.
SO LATE AT NIGHT...
...EH?
WOMAN, YOU ARE ...
...THE ENEMY, RIGHT?
!!
YOU THINK SO?
OH, IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL.
IT'S COOL THAT YOU CAN FEEL SO CLOSE TO SOMETHING SO FAR AWAY.
WHAT YOU JUST SAID...

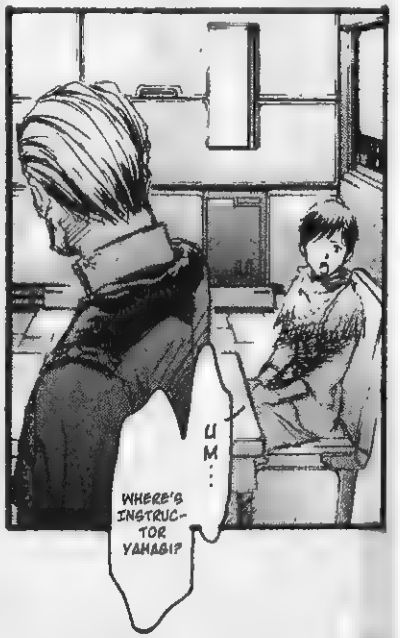
YOU'RE HARUKA ELMARIT?

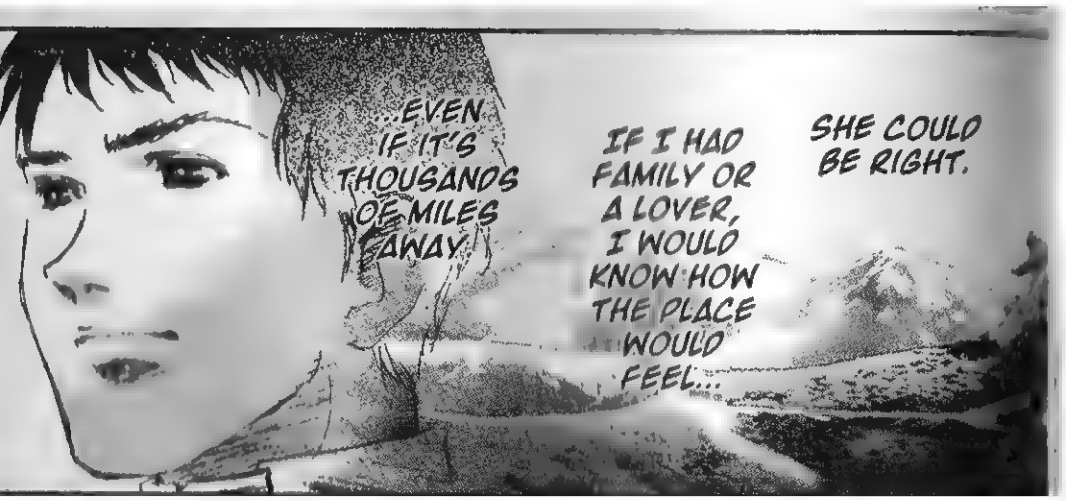
!!

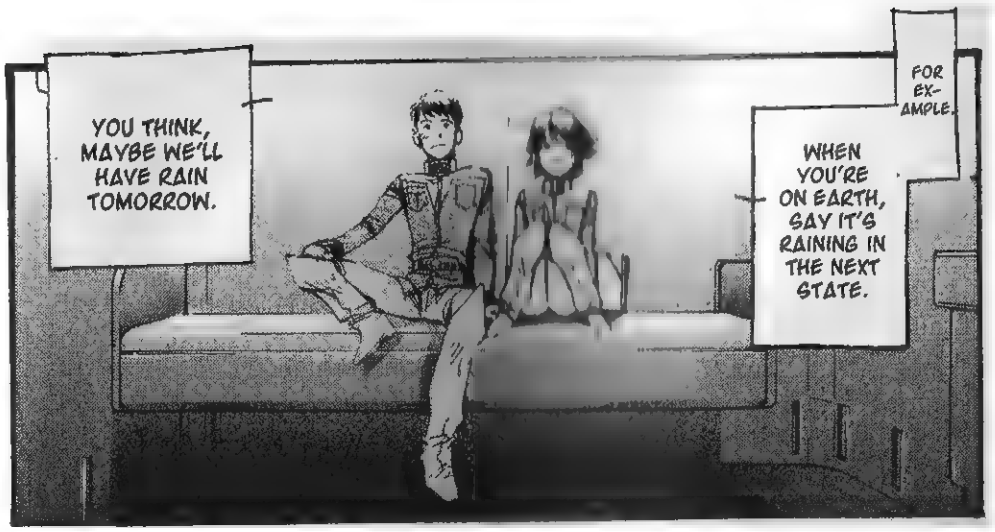
YOU ASKED TO SPEAK TO INSTRUC-TOR YAHAGI...
...BUT NOT YOUR OWN DAUGHTER?


THIS IS ASUNA'S MOTHER?
.....!!

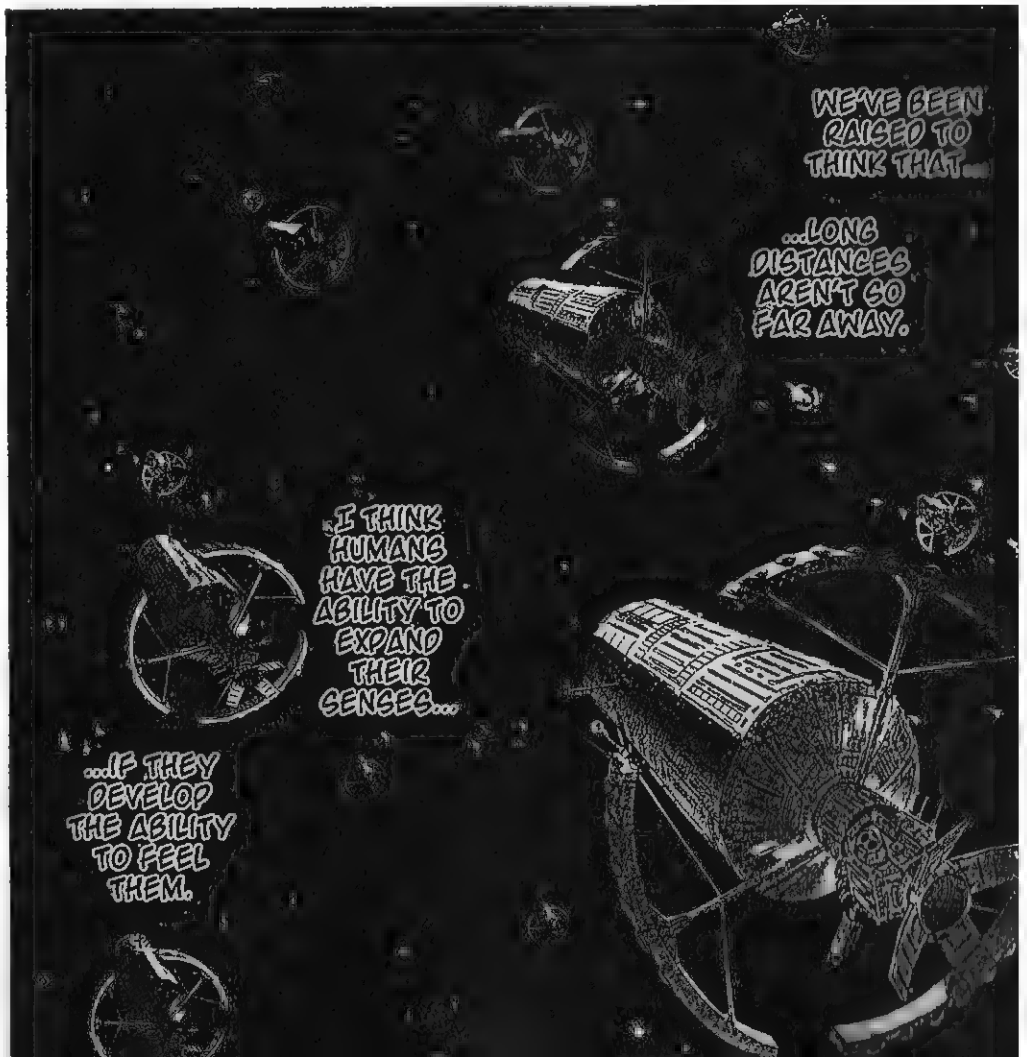
I HEAR THAT MY DAUGHTER IS CAUSING HIM A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE.


UM...
WHERE'S INSTRUC-TOR YAHAGI?

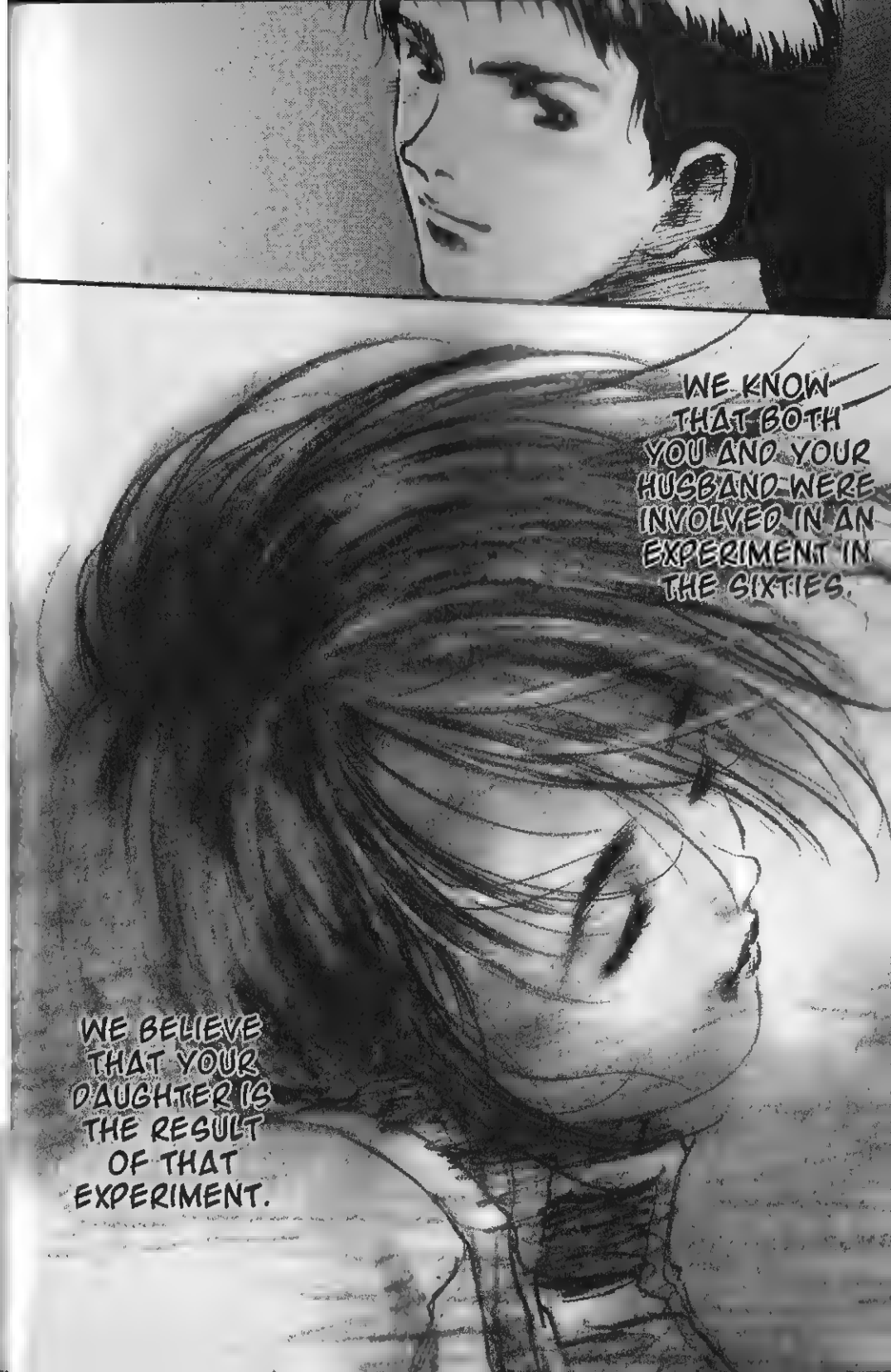

...EVEN IF IT'S THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY.
IF I HAD FAMILY OR A LOVER, I WOULD KNOW HOW THE PLACE WOULD FEEL...
SHE COULD BE RIGHT.


YOU THINK, MAYBE WE'LL HAVE RAIN TOMORROW.
FOR EX-AMPLE.
WHEN YOU'RE ON EARTH, SAY IT'S RAINING IN THE NEXT STATE.

NNN...
MAYBE I CAN FEEL WHAT YOU'RE FEELING.


WE'VE BEEN RAISED TO THINK THAT...
...LONG DISTANCES AREN'T SO FAR AWAY.
I THINK HUMANS HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXPAND THEIR SENSES...
...IF THEY DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO FEEL THEM.

I'LL BE BLUNT.
YOUR DAUGHTER IS A NEWTYPE, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
WHAT TYPE OF NEWTYPE IS SHE? WHAT ARE HER ABILITIES?!
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!
AGH!
YOU STUBBORN WOMAN!!
NO! SHE'S A NORMAL GIRL!
CAN SHE BEND A SPOON WITH HER MIND OR WHAT?


WE KNOW THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND WERE INVOLVED IN AN EXPERIMENT IN THE SIXTIES.
WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR DAUGHTER IS THE RESULT OF THAT EXPERIMENT.

!!
...A NEW-TYPE!!
ASUNA ELMARIT IS...
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET AN APOLOGY FROM ABOVE.
I'LL HAVE A SOLDIER ESCORT YOU.

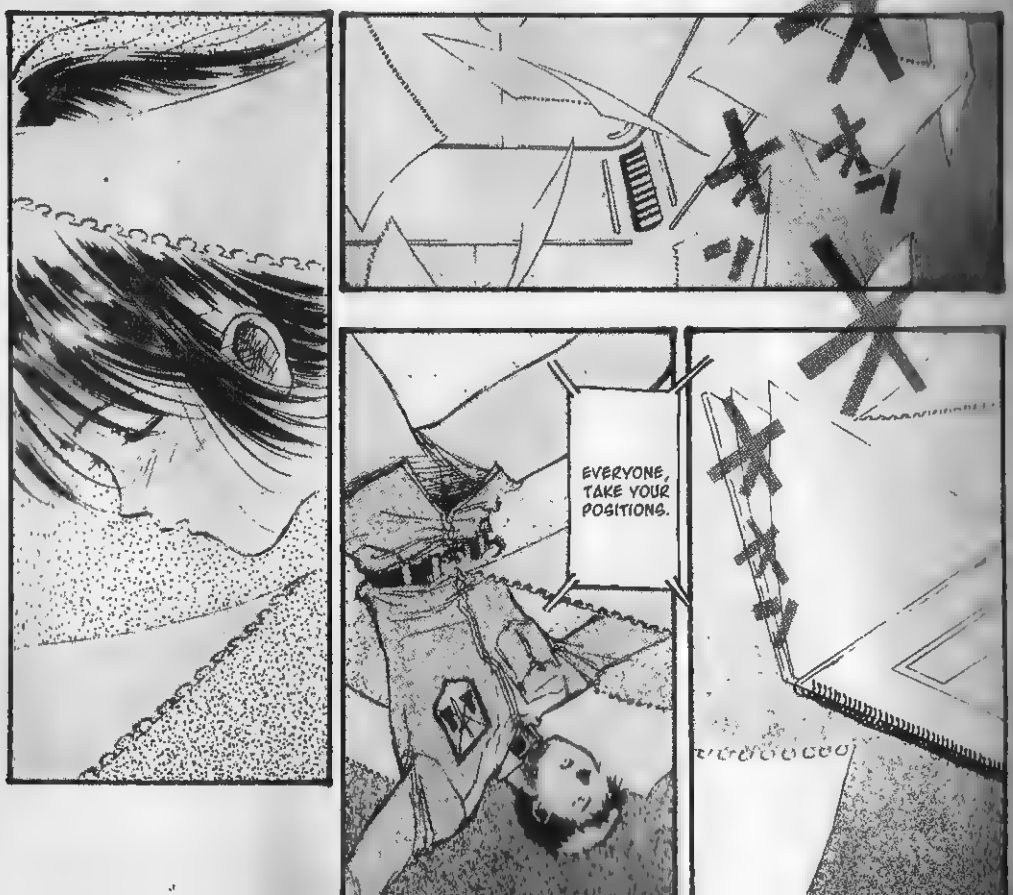
IT'S ALMOST MORN-ING.
COLONEL!
STOP!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO START PROBLEMS.
THIS IS GOING TOO FAR!
MIGHT AS WELL TRY...
HE SAID, "I KNOW ABOUT ASUNA."
"I WILL PROTECT MY DAUGHTER."
I'M SORRY.
THERE MUST BE A MISUNDER-STANDING.
I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM IN-STRUC-TOR YAMAGI.

CHARACTER FILE:08

Haruka Elmarit

ASUNA'S MOTHER. SHE DATED YAHAGI WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT. HOWEVER, SHE ENDED UP MARRYING THE MUCH OLDER PROFESSOR ELMARIT OF THE ZEON NATIONAL DEFENSE ACADEMY AND GAVE BIRTH TO ASUNA.

HER HUSBAND, PROFESSOR ELMARIT, IS STILL A WANTED MAN AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF WAR CRIMES IN THE ONE YEAR WAR. AS A RESULT, SHE IS UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE FROM EARTH FEDERATION FORCES. SHE CURRENTLY RESIDES IN CLUSTER COLONY 26 OF SIDE 3, RE-NAMED ACHILLES AFTER ZEON CHANGED FROM A PRINCIPALITY INTO A REPUBLIC.



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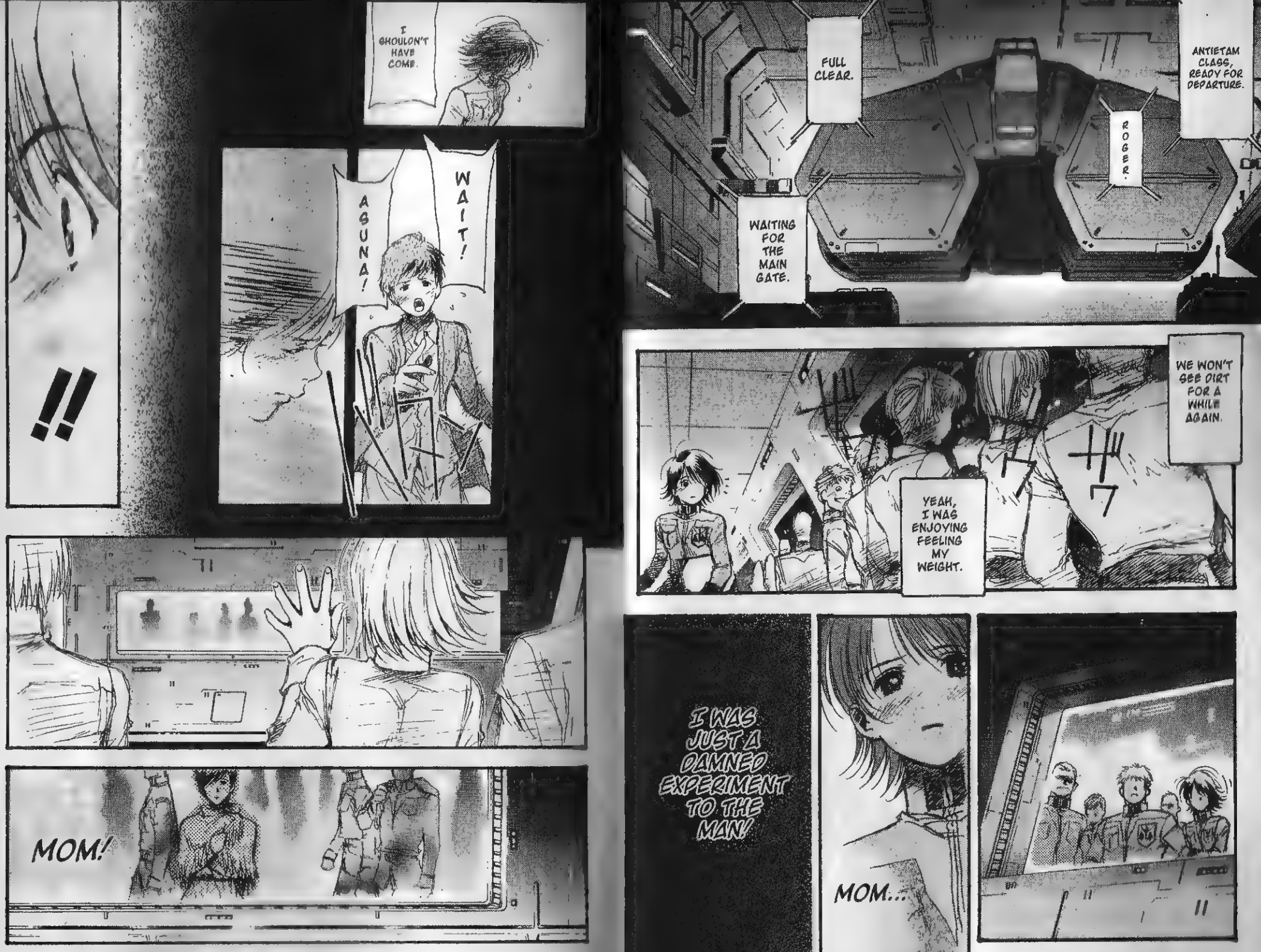
YOU...
YOU'RE ON MOBILE SUIT...
WE'RE ABOUT TO DEPART! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DUMBASSES DOING IN HERE?!
...COMPLETE IDIOTS!!!
...AND SHIP CLEANING DUTY AS PUNISHMENT!
I'M SORRY, SIR!

!!
This way...
HOW DID ERISIA KNOW...
...THAT WE WERE IN THERE?
GREAT!
THANKS TO YOU, WE'RE IN A LOAD OF CRAP.
DON'T BLAME ME!
THE INSTRUCTOR SAID ERISIA WAS THE ONE THAT REPORTED US.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
One, two...
UH ...
I'M MISSING A PIECE.
THIS SHIP IS LEAVING ACHILLES EN ROUTE TO TRAINING AIRSPACE POINT 0351.
MISS-ING ...
...WHAT?

WHOA!
!!


I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME.
WAIT!
AGUNA!
!!
FULL CLEAR.
ANTIETAM CLASS, READY FOR DEPARTURE.
ROGER.
WAITING FOR THE MAIN GATE.
WE WON'T SEE DIRT FOR A WHILE AGAIN.
YEAH, I WAS ENJOYING FEELING MY WEIGHT.
MOM!
I WAS JUST A DAMNED EXPERIMENT TO THE MAN!
MOM...

PLEASE PROTECT...
...YOUR DAUGHTER!
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU FEEL WHAT I FEEL, RIGHT?
SHE CAME TO SEE ME OFF!
SHINN!
LOOK, MY MOM'S HERE!
I'M GLAD SHE'S HERE.

I COULDN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BECOME PART OF AN EXPERIMENT.
I'M SORRY, MOM! I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE WITHOUT MAKING UP...
SHE'S HERE!
YAHAGI...
I WAS ALREADY PREGNANT WITH ASUNA.

TO DIE.
...HE'S GOING...
IF HE DOESN'T GET SERI-OUS...
THEY'RE SO PLAYFUL.
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, SCARE ME.
STOP BEING JEALOUS AND ACT ON IT, EH?
YOU'RE HARSH.
SOUNDS LIKE YOU CARE ABOUT HIM.
IT'S VERY DANGEROUS TO ACT...
...ON WISHFUL THINKING.

NNA...
MAYBE I CAN FEEL WHAT YOU'RE FEELING.
LET'S START CLEANING THE MOBILE SUITS!!
Y-YOU ...!!

...I WOULD...
IN FACT, IF THEY DID...
...DESPISE THEM!!
MOST PEOPLE DON'T SIMPLY...
...BEHAVE THE WAY YOU WANT THEM TO.

HEE HEE HEE!
WE'RE ONLY HERE TO PICK UP AKIRA. WHY ARE YOU SO FREAKED OUT?
THIS IS WHY I HATE ROOKIES.

MOVE. NICE AND EASY.
THIS IS THE FEDERATION BORDER PATROL. STOP IMMEDIATELY.
YOU ARE ENTERING RESTRICTED AIRSPACE.
WE'RE GOING IN.
I UNDER-STAND.
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE A NERVOUS LITTLE THING, AREN'T YA?
TOMAS!
Phew

...DADDY.
HE WAS NEAR THE HANGER.
I'LL ASK LINNY.
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME...
KRRRRRRRR
NOTHING.
WHAT?
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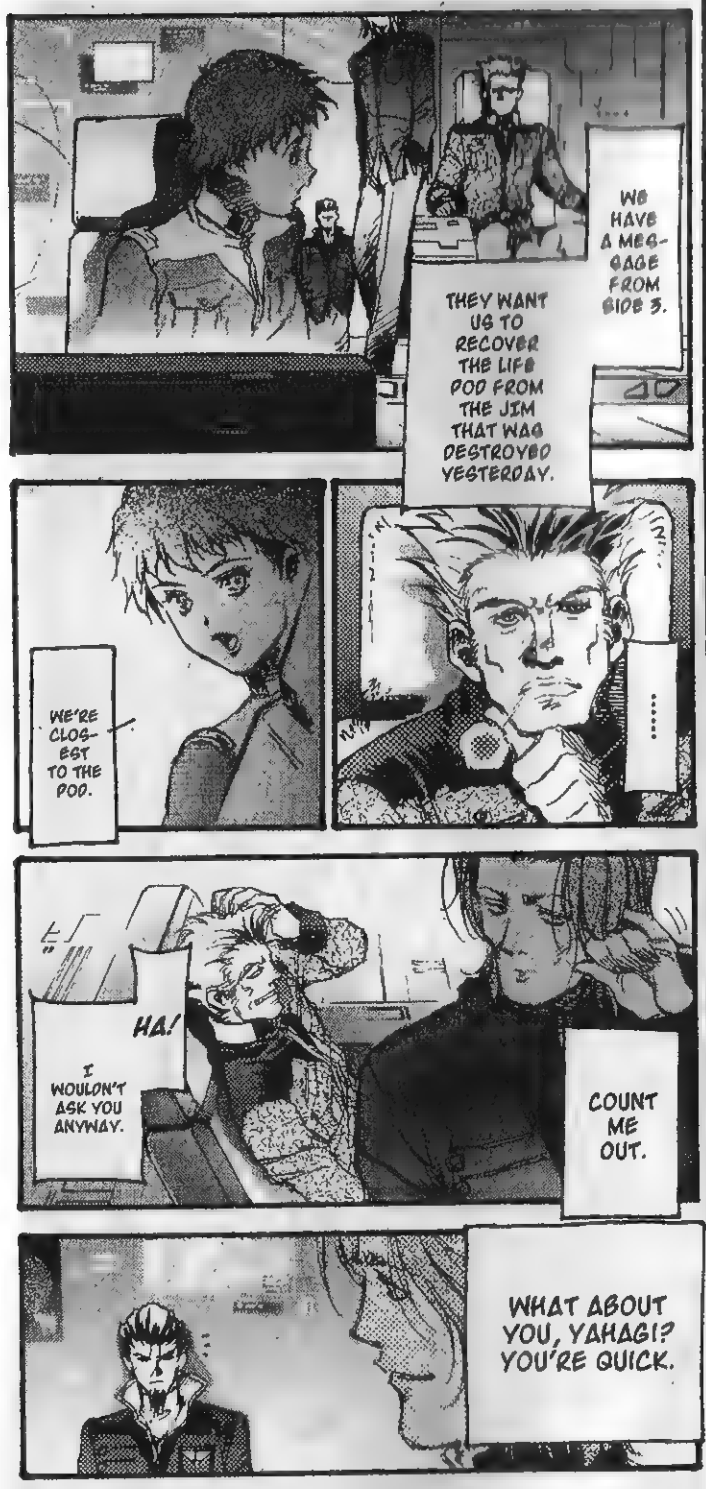
WE HAVE A MESSAGE FROM SIDE 3.
THEY WANT US TO RECOVER THE LIFE POD FROM THE JIM THAT WAS DESTROYED YESTERDAY.
WE'RE CLOSEST TO THE POD.
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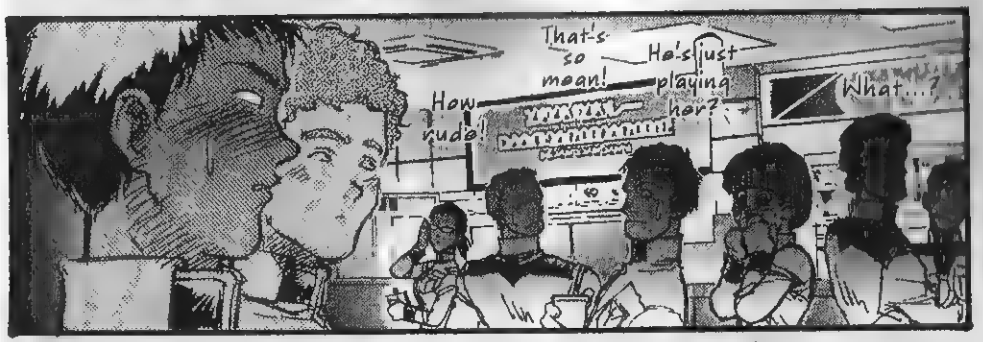
HA!
I WOULDN'T ASK YOU ANYWAY.
COUNT ME OUT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, YAHAGI? YOU'RE QUICK.
THIS IS THE VALENTINE.
YES, I SEE.

ASUNA ELMARIT IS DIFFERENT FROM US.
YOU HAVE TO BE "SPECIAL" TO STAND WITH HER.
SORRY.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EAT.
WHAT THE --?!
INSTRUCTOR LINNY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

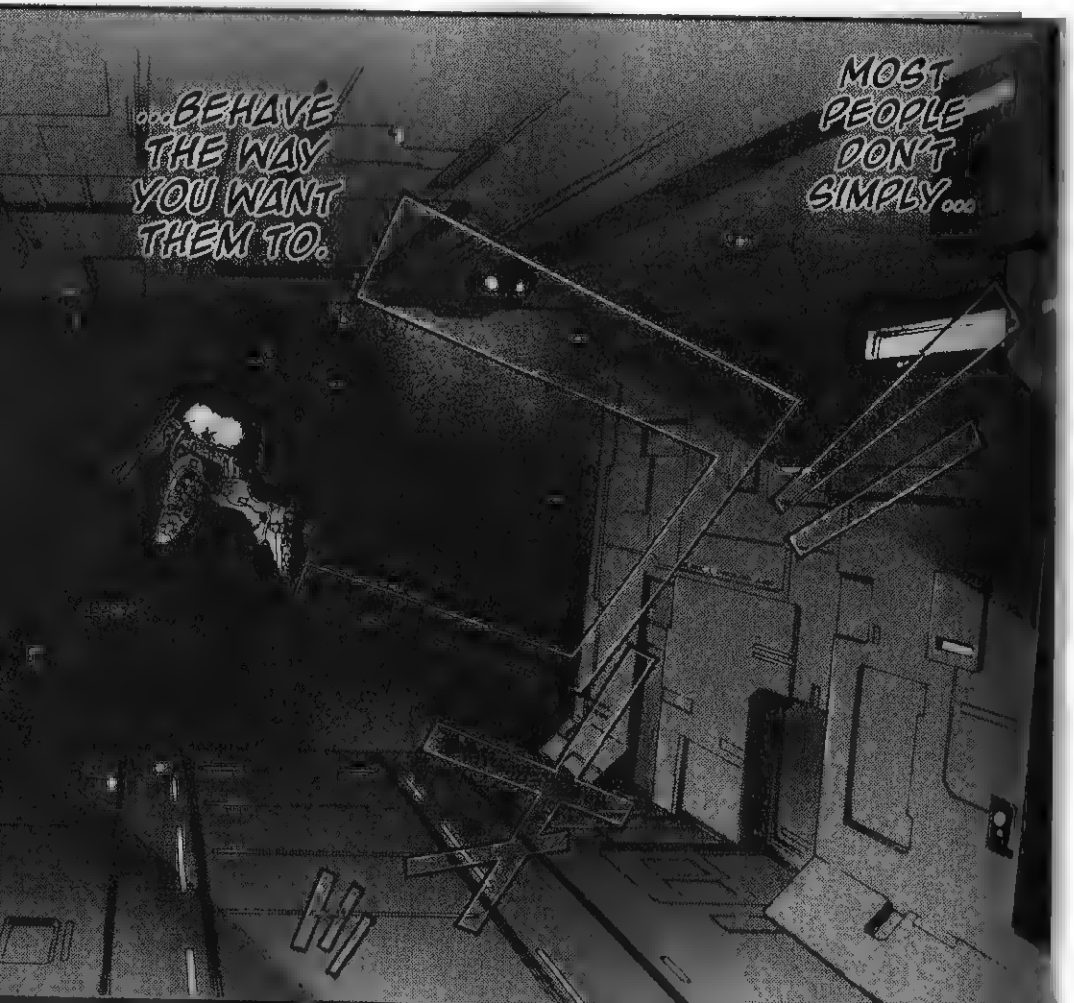
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
HOW FAR...
...DID YOU GET WITH ASUNA?
HEY!


How rude!
That's so mean!
He's just playing her?
What...?

YOU KNOW, RIGHT?
ASUNA...

YOU'VE GOT A HEAVY LOAD, MAN.

...BE IN FRONT OF AGUNA!
I'LL ALWAYS ...
SHINN...
IF HE DOESN'T GET SERIOUS...
...HE'S GOING...
...TO DIE.

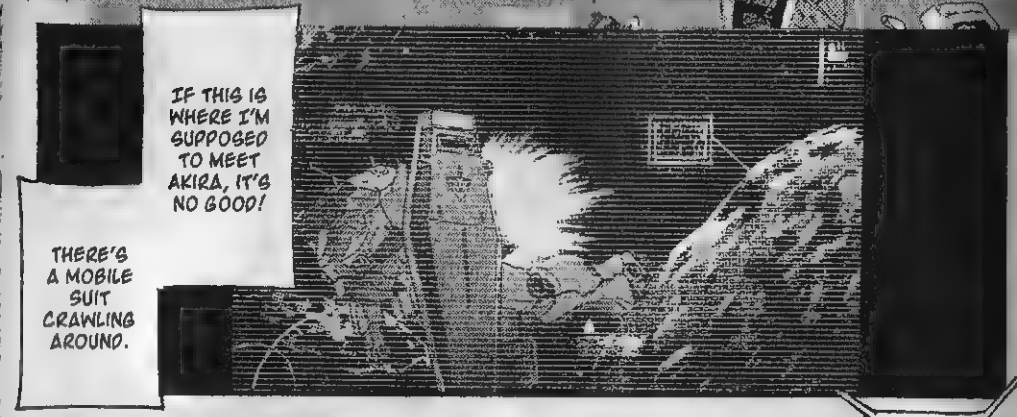

...BEHAVE THE WAY YOU WANT THEM TO.
MOST PEOPLE DON'T SIMPLY...

WE HAVE TO RETURN IT TO EARTH.
THE SOLDIER'S FAMILY WILL WANT THE BODY.
I NEED TO RECOVER THE LIFE POD FROM THE DESTROYED JIM.
I ALSO HAVE TO PROGRAM THE SIMULATOR MENU.
A LIFE POD?

INSTRUC-TOR LINNY!

YES, SIR!
YOU CAN COME.
SHINN BARNACK... DIDN'T YOU USED TO BE A MARINE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HEY!
PLEASE! LET ME GO WITH YOU!!

IS THAT IT?


IF THIS IS WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET AKIRA, IT'S NO GOOD!
THERE'S A MOBILE SUIT CRAWLING AROUND.

BORING.
THAT'S A TRAINER!
I KNOW.
KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR DEBRIS.

ROGER, SIR.
THE COMBAT LEFT A LOT OF DEBRIS.
WATCH YOURSELF.

Who knows?
What's he doing there?!
Shinn?!
That's Shinn!

.....
JEEZ.
WHAT A SHOW-OFF.

CHARACTER FILE:09

Kerry Signet

HE IS A STUDENT AT ECOLE DU CIEL. AN EARTH-BORN REDHEAD, HIS MAIN RIVAL IS ERISIA, BUT HE CAN'T SEEM TO BEAT HER.

HE IS ROUGH ON ASUNA, WHO ARRIVED AT THE SCHOOL FROM A COLONY IN SIDE 3, WHICH USED TO BE ENEMY TERRITORY. HE'S BEEN QUIETLY OBSERVING HER PROGRESS. HE WAS INVOLVED IN A LIVE-FIRE ACCIDENT WITH ASUNA AND ERISIA BACK ON EARTH.

HE LIKES TO TEASE ASUNA ABOUT HER SMALL BREASTS AND ENJOYS CALLING HER "LOSER."

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...LIFE SIGNS!
VERY CAREFUL!
I DO NOT DETECT ANY...
WE HAVE TO RETURN IT TO EARTH.
SHINN, WATCH OUT! WE HAVE AN UNKNOWN INTRUDER IN THE AREA.
THE SOLDIER'S FAMILY WILL WANT THE BODY.
GAAH!!
!!

I BARELY HAVE ANY WEAPONS...
DAMMIT!
GIMME THE STATS!
OUR JIMs ARE UNDER ATTACK BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY.

WE BELIEVE THESE ARE THE SAME UNIDENTIFIED MOBILE SUITS FROM THE OTHER DAY.
WHERE'S LINNY?!
THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T...
...TRUST THOSE BASTARDS.
CONTACT SARAMIS!
SIGNAL AN ALERT!
I'LL GO!
KEEP CALLING HIM!
LINNY IS NOT RESPONDING!
INCOMPETENT IDIOTS...!
SEND SOMEONE AS BACKUP!

IT'S MY DUTY
I HAVE TO PROTECT...
INSTRUCTOR YAHAGI!
THANK YOU!
ANOTHER JIM HAS JUST LAUNCHED!
...MY STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES!
PLEASE ANSWER!
HAILING THE PILOT OF THE JIM!
THE PILOT'S ID IS UNKNOWN.

WHERE'S LINNY?!
I'M GOING AFTER HER!
PREPARE A JIM!
H-HER NAME WAS AGUNA.
!!
.....
INSTRUCTOR...
...LINNY!
GAH...
INSTRUCTOR LINNY!
PLEASE RESPOND!

This sucks, man.
Combat? This soon?
he-h-im gonna be all right?
Holy crap!
There might be real fighting!
WHERE THE HELL...
AGUNA, WHERE ARE YOU?!
AGUNA!
UNIDEN-TIFIED PILOT ...?

A STUDENT?!
A STUDENT WAS ASSISTING THE RECOVERY...
...BEFORE THE ALERT.
IT CAN'T BE.

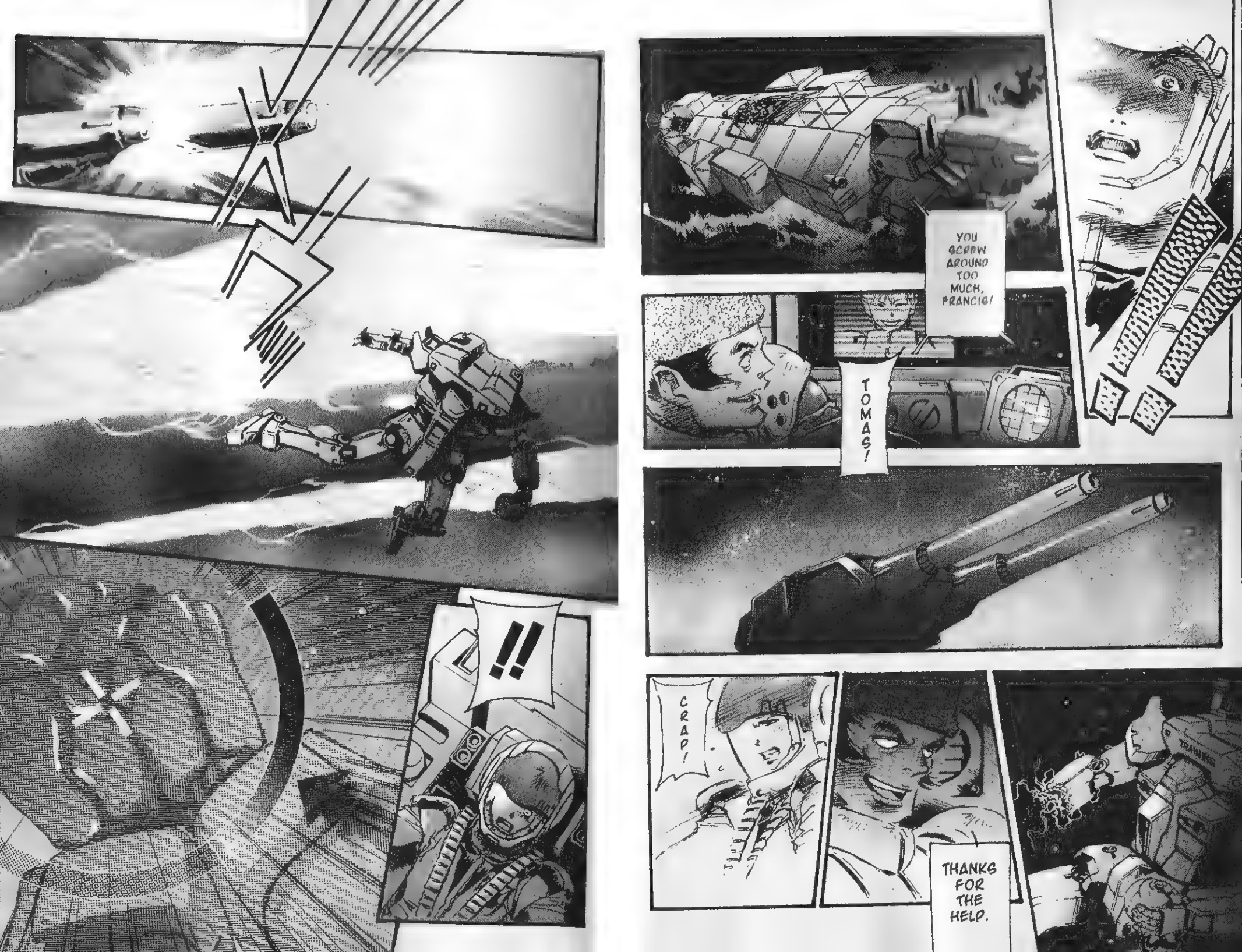
INSTRUC-
TOR
LINNY!
PLEASE
RESPOND!
INSTRUC-
TOR
LINNY!

...IT HAS SUPERIOR ARMOR...
...AND...

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THIS SUIT...
OUR ONLY ADVANTAGE IS OUR MANEUVERABILITY...
YOU GODDAMNED KID!

IT'S BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO TOLERATE THE MISTAKES OF CLUMSY STUDENTS.

YOU'RE MINE!
...IT'S TOUGH ENOUGH TO...
...PROTECT ITSELF.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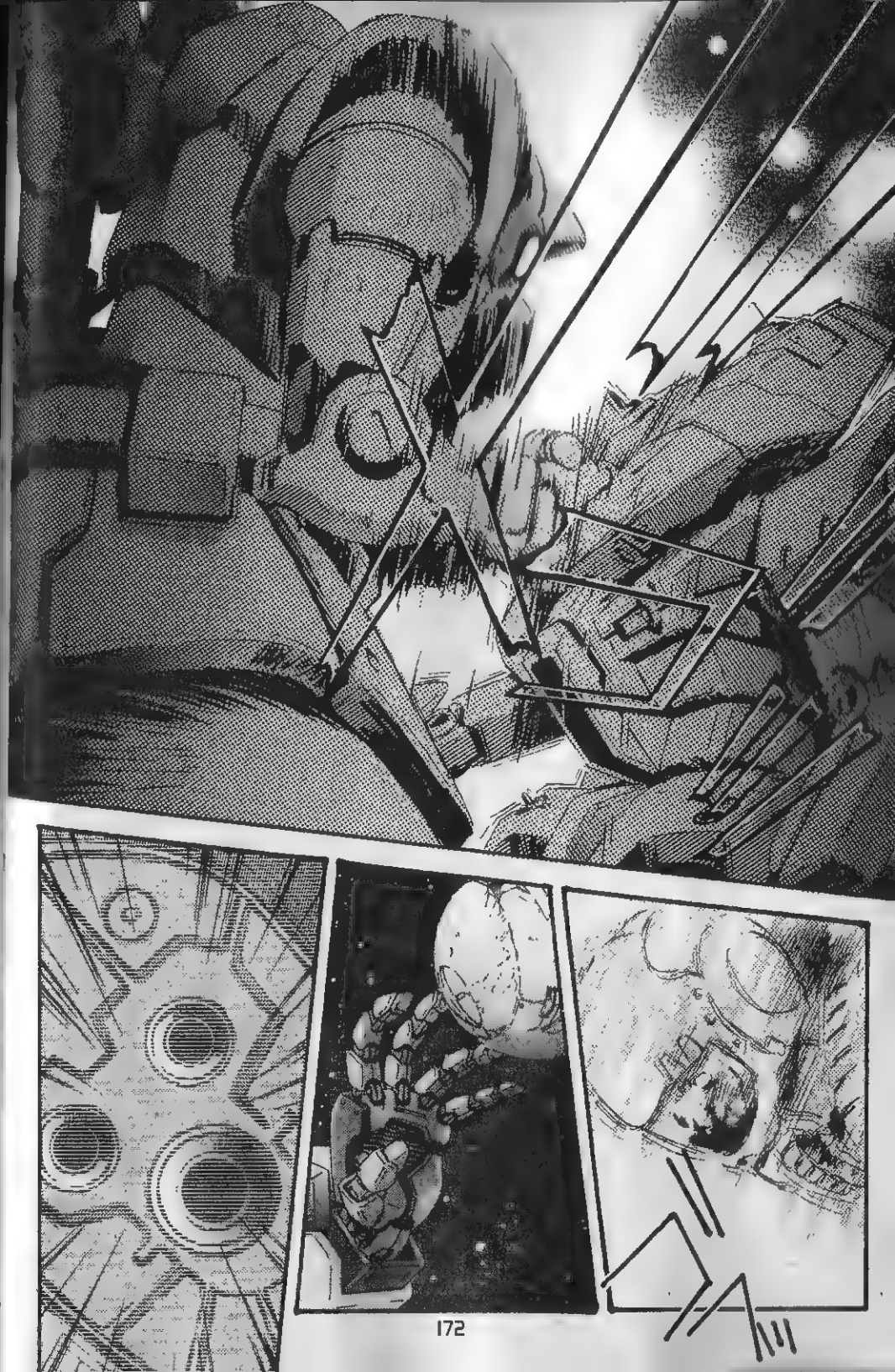
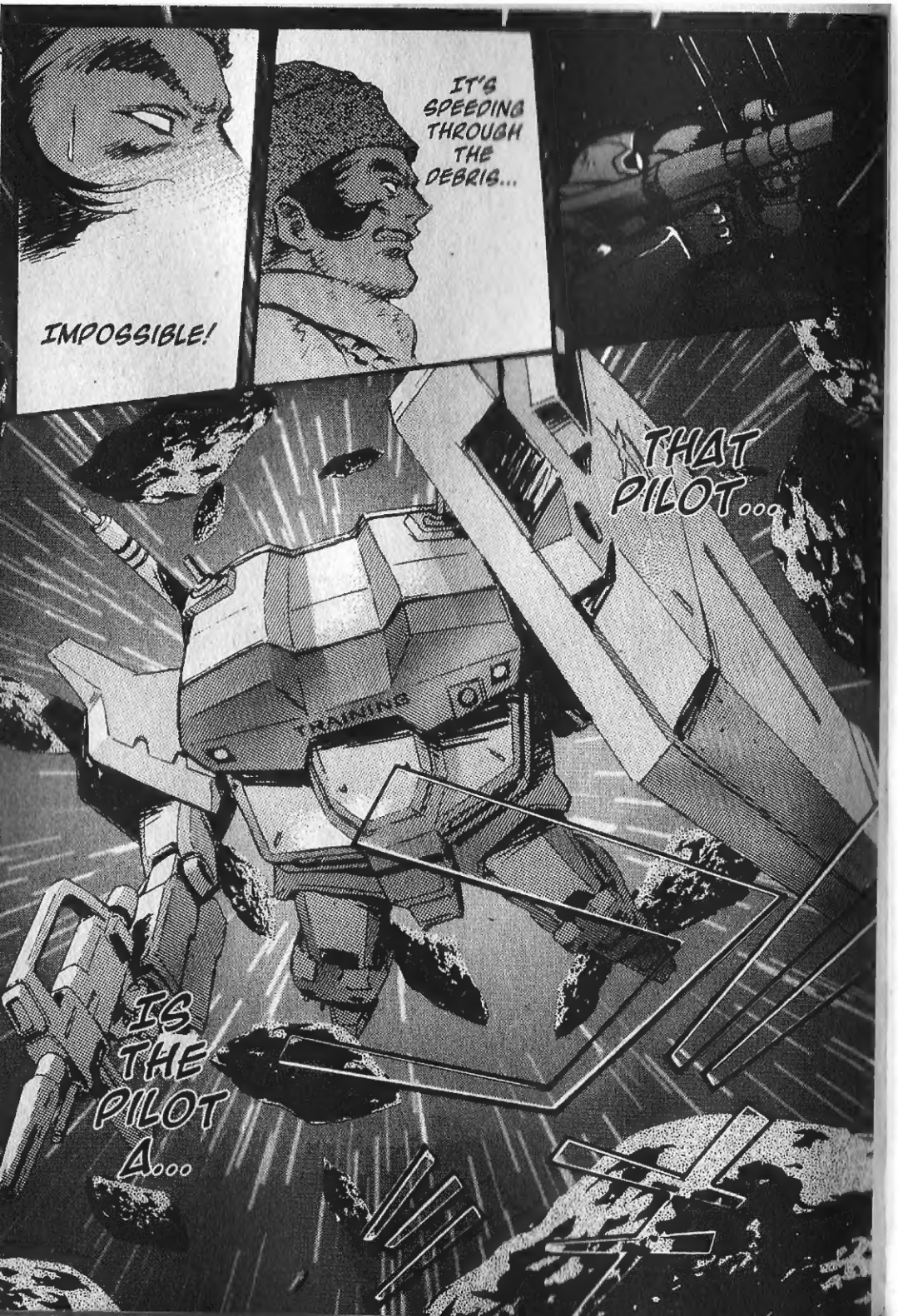
YOU SCREW AROUND TOO MUCH, FRANCIS!
TOMAS!
CRAP!
THANKS FOR THE HELP.

...MAKE IT?!
AM I GONNA...
MAYBE NOT...



TRYING TO DIVERT MY ATTEN-TION, EH?
WHAT AN AMATEUR.
TOMAS!

WHAT WAS THAT LOW-POWERED BEAM?
?!


IMPOSSIBLE!
IT'S SPEEDING THROUGH THE DEBRIS...
THAT PILOT...
IS THE PILOT A...
TRAINING

THAT DEBRIS SHOULD DESTROY EVERYTHING!!
!!!
TRAINING

ASSISTANT'S NOTES

BAC Lightning T5

Horizontal seating inside a JIM?

A current example of a trainer would be a jet trainer. Usually, the seating is vertical, but there are trainers with horizontal seating. So, I thought of a trainer with horizontal seating in the rear! What do you think? It's kind of like trainers used to teach people how to drive a car. We may have more interesting mecha introduced in subsequent episodes. I love mecha!
--Fukuyama

I'm sorry!

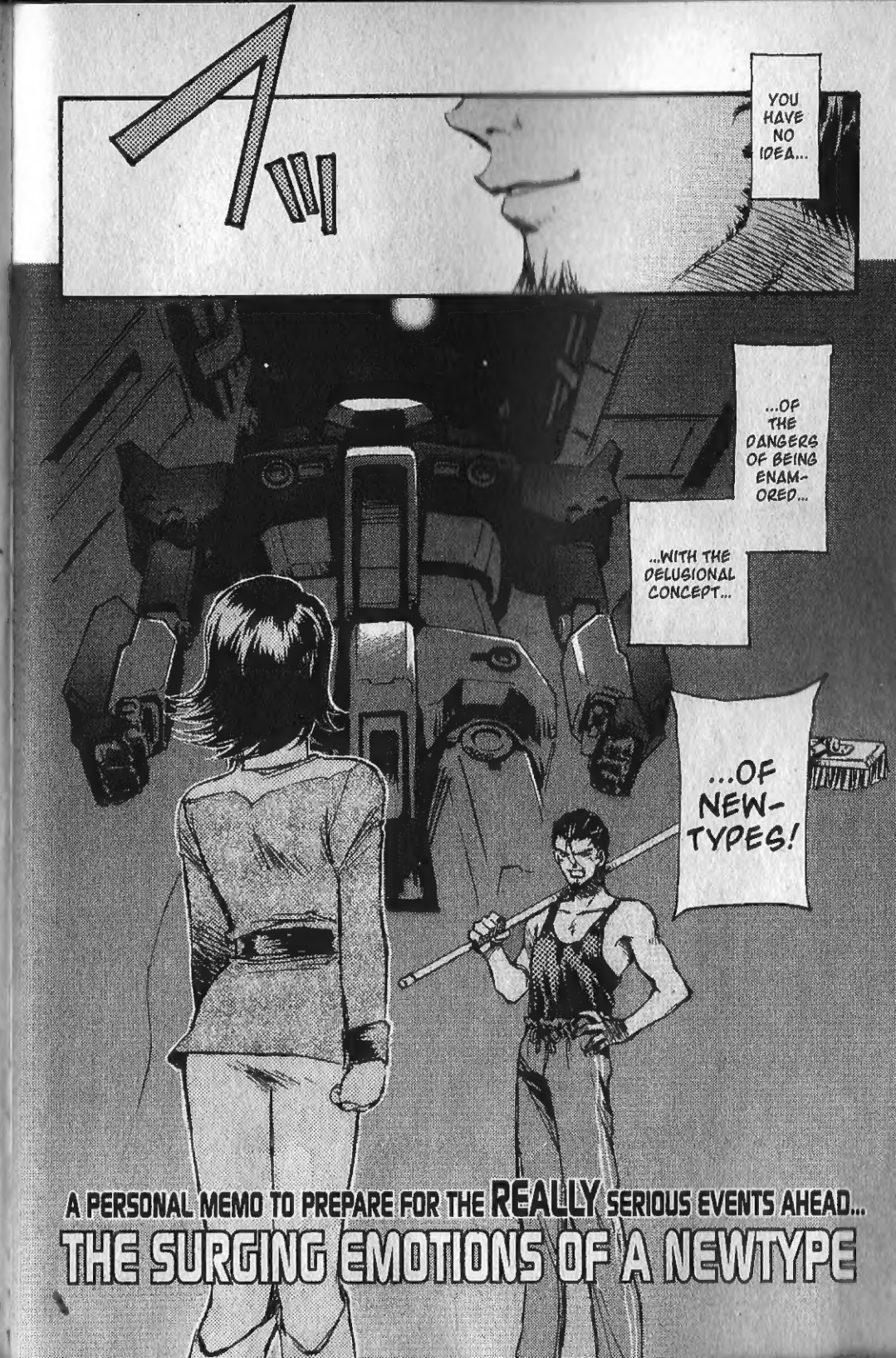
What are you doing, Asuna?

MY NEXT SHOT IS GONNA BE FULL STRENGTH!

...NEWTYPE?!!

To be continued...

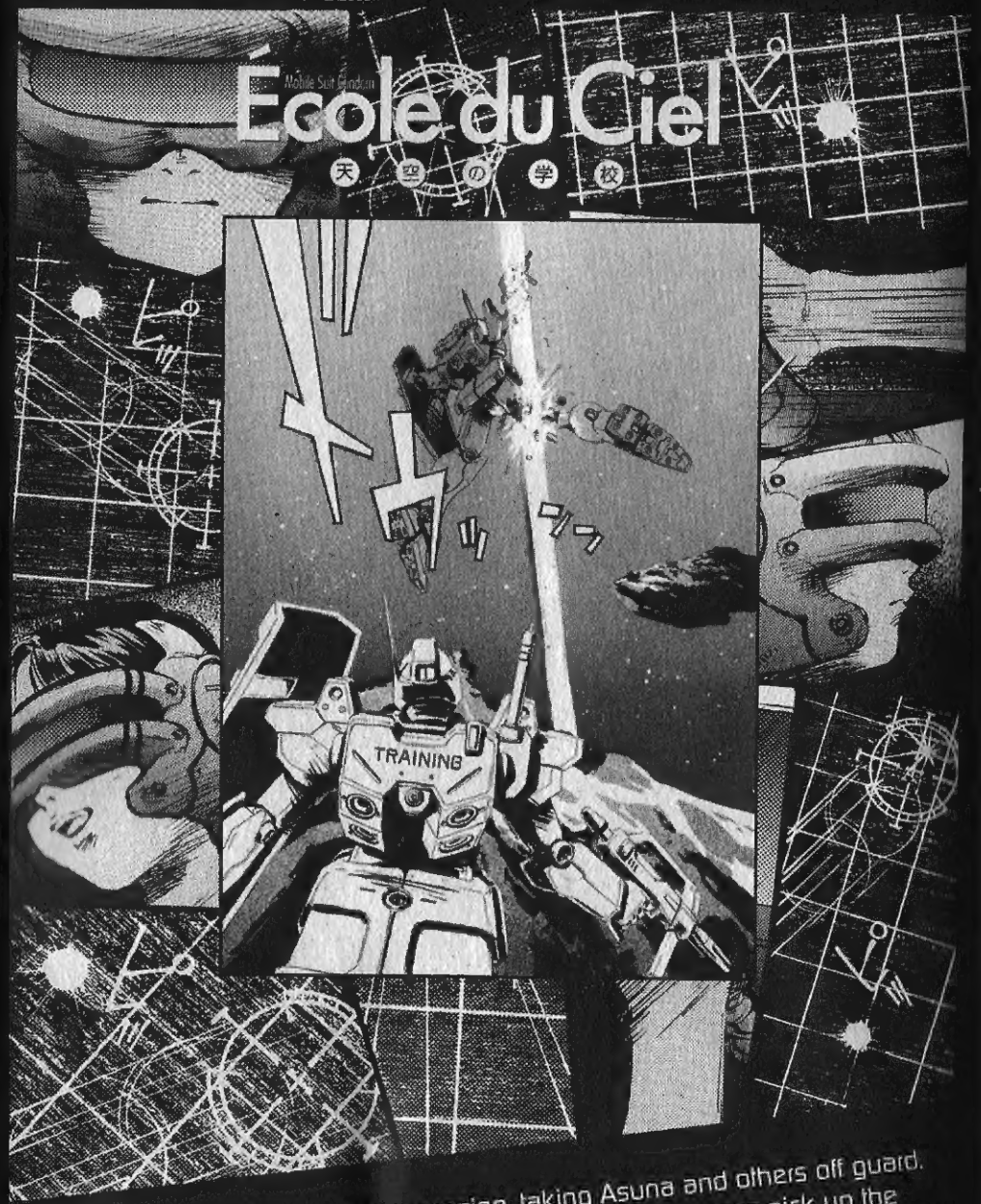
!!
...THE WRONG WAY TOO QUICKLY...
BUT IF YOU HURRY AND PULL THE BAND ON YOUR PANTS...
...FASTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
twinge
FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN FEEL DIARRHEA COMING ON...
EVEN IF YOU SENSE THE ENEMY, THE COLONY COULD STILL FALL!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING ABLE TO SENSE THE NEED FOR TOILET PAPER?!
YOU CANNOT FORESEE THE LATTER PART OF THE STORY!
...YOU CAN'T UNDO THE KNOT!
Gaaah!
INSTRUC-TOR!
THIS IS A METAPHOR ABOUT NOT SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES!
YUP. THEY'RE RELATED.



A PERSONAL MEMO TO PREPARE FOR THE **REALLY** SERIOUS EVENTS AHEAD...

THE SURGING EMOTIONS OF A NEWTYPE

In the next Volume of...



An attack occurs during a training session, taking Asuna and others off guard. Asuna is instantly paralyzed, as her emerging Newtype senses pick up the death cries of those slain in the fighting. As Federation forces try in vain to bring the situation under control, Yahagi, Kerry and Erisia enter the battle. But Erisia's cockiness might just be her downfall. Can Asuna pick up the pieces of her shattered nerves to go head-to-head against...Akira?!

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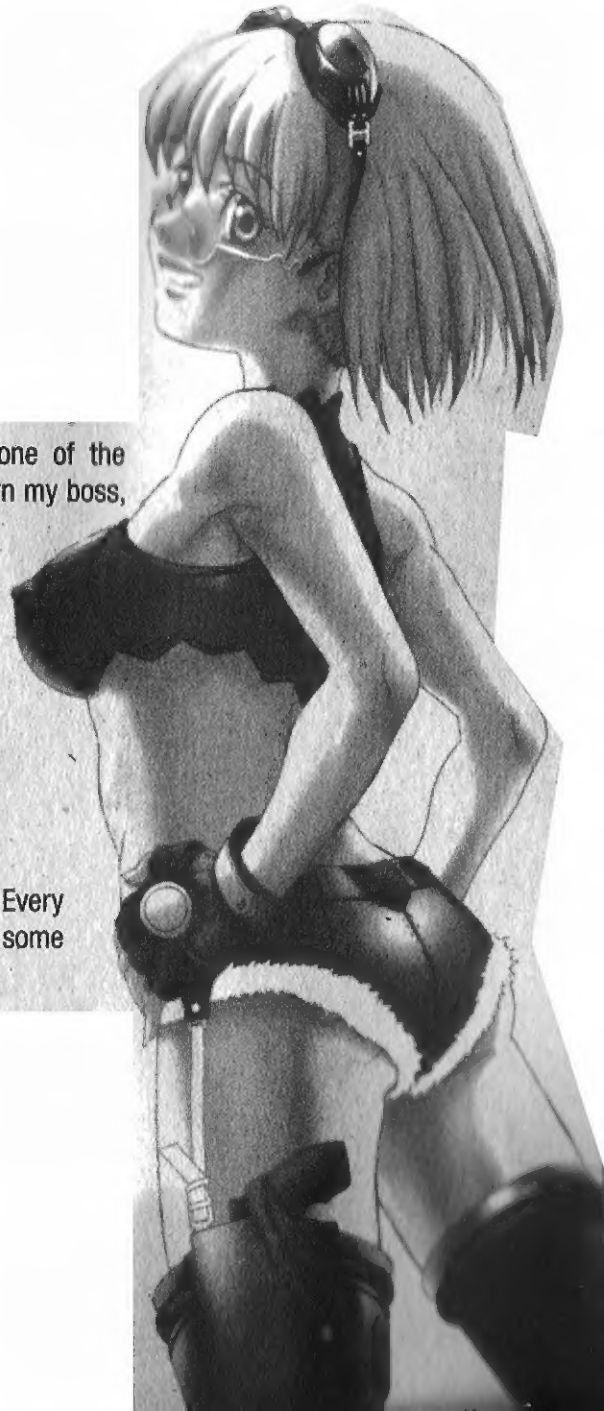

Hello, I am Masaki Hiragi! I'm one of the assistants constantly slowing down my boss, Mikimoto-san.

This is the third volume already! The story is becoming more serious. What's going to happen next? What kind of Mobile Suits are going to appear? I've only seen a few Gundam series, so I don't know if I can keep up!

My favorite character is Emilu. Every day, I really hope that she'll find some happiness.